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## RUNAWAY SHANGHAI PRICES Commissioner's Warning: Revolts And Unrest

### CHINA ASKS FOR LOAN

Washington, Feb. 26. China has asked the United States for a currency stabilization loan on top of the \$570 million she is due to get for machinery and essential imports, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today.

### WHEN H.K. ASKED FOR FIGHTERS

London, Feb. 27. Air Vice-Marshal Sir Paul Maltby's despatches on the Malayan-Netherlands East Indies campaign disclosed that an urgent request was received from Hong Kong in the summer of 1941 for fighter aircraft.

"Reason was because of the great support they would give civilian morale."

"The request could not be met. In case it should be proved possible later to meet the request for fighter aircraft, a fighter sector, control room and radar stations are to be sited and plans to be prepared for the provision of a 'fighter defence system.'"

R.A.F. plans allotted no air force for Hong Kong's defence, the despatches disclosed.

"Apart from local reconnaissance, no war role was envisaged for or arranged for the flight stationed at Kai Tak." Its function was target towing only, said the despatches published in the official London Gazette.—Associated Press.

### Rice, Flour Prices Up

It is announced by the Rice Controller that owing to great increases in costs in the countries of production the retail prices of rationed rice and flour will be revised at rates as follows, effective from March 1, 1948:

RICE: From 48 cents per catty to 54 cents per catty.  
FLOUR: From 44 cents per catty to 55 cents per catty.  
(or from 33 cents per pound to 42 cents per pound).

## Salvaged Tanker To Go To China

Salvaged by the Hong Kong Government last year, a 6,000-ton ex-Japanese tanker of the Yamashiro Maru class is to be taken over by China's Enemy Property Liquidation Office for Kwangtung-Kwangsi-Fukien next week, the "China Mail" learned from authoritative Chinese sources last night.

Yesterday, the Chinese official representative in Hong Kong paid the Marine Department a cheque for HK\$392,840—the amount which the local harbour authorities charged for salvaging and raising the vessel.

Under the personal supervision of Captain W. A. Doust, C.B.E., Salvage Adviser to the Marine Department, salvage work on the former Japanese tanker, sunk by Allied bombs off the Yuen On wharf, Canton Road West, began on July 1, 1947. It was completed on November 15 last year.

During the four months, the vessel was raised and lowered on 10 different occasions owing to typhoon threats.

It was raised eventually and towed up to a point off Stonecutter's Island where it will remain until the Chinese authorities take it over next week.

## Police Swoop On Speculators

Shanghai, Feb. 27. The price of rice and other vital commodities spurted to a new all-time high today despite the reported Central Government order to arrest and charge rumour-mongers who were mainly blamed for the present runaway price situation, under military law.

The Bureau of Social Affairs again dumped over 2,000,000 pounds of rice on the market today but failed to check another spurt which sent the price for a bag of 170 pounds to the dizzy height of 3,600,000 Chinese dollars.

The cost of other daily necessities made similar advances, especially edible oil—which is to Chinese householders what bread is to westerners—and flour.

The price of bread has gone up 100 per cent in four weeks and, according to reliable information, will be hiked again within a day or two. The City authorities are at a loss now to cope with the situation and are expected to refer the matter to Nanking, where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has just returned from Kuling specially to tackle the Manchurian crisis and price situation.

Meanwhile, all local papers splashed a warning, uttered by the Social Affairs Commissioner, Mr. Wu Kai Hsien, before the City Council meeting last evening that large-scale revolts and unrest would break out unless immediate measures were taken to stabilise the economic and industrial situation in Shanghai.

### Radios Uncovered

Commissioner Wu, in a 30-minute frank speech, said that the unchecked sky-rocketing of commodity prices is likely to force many enterprises into bankruptcy, and envisaged large-scale unrest when their workers join the ranks of the unemployed.

Meanwhile, all black market transactions in gold and foreign currencies were at a standstill following the arrest of 58 suspected speculators yesterday by the Economic Police on native banks, secret radio stations and financial companies, mostly owned by natives of Canton and Swatow.

Police investigators believe that more than 400 local companies are involved in radio-conducted speculations between Shanghai and Hong Kong.

### Responsibility

Tip-off men, employed in 40 "wild-cat" radio stations, supplied the police investigators with the names and dealings of numerous different companies. All stations raided by the police were found working on a secret code and operating under cover.

An official of the Economic Control Bureau, commenting on the discovery of speculators' radio stations, indicated that black market operators were wholly responsible for the current market instability.

## Manchuria Tale Of Woe

Nanking, Feb. 27. Pro-Government reports today admitted that the Communists have captured Penhsi, broken into Hsinmin and Kaiyuan, breached the outer defence of Yingkow and smashed into Hunho airfield in Mukden's suburbs.

The series of Communist victories occurring in a single day cut off all the bastions defending the eastern, northern, western and southern approaches to Mukden. It is the heaviest blow the Nationalists had suffered in the whole Manchuria civil war and is likely to lead to the total annihilation of the Government forces north of Chinchow.

The despatches said: (1) The Communists have captured the coal mining town of Penhsi, 35 miles from Mukden but the Government is still holding the railway station; (2) The Reds have broken into Hsinmin through the western gate. Street fighting is in progress; (3) Street fighting is in progress in Kaiyuan, 70 miles north-west of Mukden. The railway station has been lost to the Reds; (4) The Communists have captured the rail station and airfield in Yingkow suburbs; (5) The Hunho airfield in Mukden has been captured by the Reds, following the withdrawal of the Nationalist division without resistance.—United Press.

## New Tax Measures Approved

Nanking, Feb. 27. The State Council today approved a series of new tax measures designed to increase Government internal revenue by CN\$900,000,000 in the next five months.

The measures are in line with the Government policy of attempting to step up internal revenues to help close the enormous gap between Government expenditures and receipts. The new taxes will increase the levy on domestic-produced tobacco leaves by 60 per cent and processed tobacco 40 per cent. The two tobacco taxes, plus a 100 per cent increase in the wine tax, are expected to increase the Government revenue by CN\$400,000,000 in the next five months.

The State Council also upped the salt taxes to CN\$50,000 per picul, which is expected to augment the Government revenue by CN\$500,000,000 in the coming five-month period.

The State Council today approved the United Nations tariff and trade agreement signed by the 17 nations at Geneva.—United Press.

## China's Talks With Italy

Shanghai, Feb. 27. Negotiations for the conclusion of a treaty of amity between China and Italy reached the final phase today and a Chinese draft has been handed to the Italian Embassy in Nanking for transmission to Rome for approval, according to Chinese reports.

Negotiations for the treaty, which is in the nature of a friendship pact and does not include commercial provisions, were initiated by the Italian Government with a view to clarifying Sino-Italian relations. Under article 4 of the Italian peace treaty, China must notify Italy within six months of the enforcement of the peace treaty whether she desires a renewal or continuation of the pre-war pact between the two nations, otherwise these will be automatically nullified.—Reuter.

## CHIANGS BACK IN CAPITAL

Nanking, Feb. 28. President and Madame Chiang Kai-shek returned to Nanking from Kuling last night, after 19 days stay at the summer capital. Accompanying them was General Yuchi-shih, Director of the Bureau of Military Affairs.—Reuter.

## NEW RECORD FOR BRITAIN

Wichitau, Feb. 27. Twenty-seven-year-old Gray pilot Mike Lingwood today established a new international air speed record when he flew his biplane-shaped Supermarine Spitfire around a 100-kilometre coast circuit in 16 minutes 54.1 seconds, averaging 464.11 miles per hour.

## Breathing Statue



The statue of the Madonna on top of the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, at Assisi, which was reported to be breathing and moving last week. Local Catholic authorities decided that there was no moving miracle, and the thousands of pilgrims have now returned to their homes.

## Broadcasting At Shumchun

A long-wave radio station is to be erected next week at Shumchun, according to the Wah Kiu Yat Po yesterday.

The newspaper added that permission has been obtained from the Chinese authorities in Nanking to operate a radio station at Shumchun. The station will be called the South China Radio Broadcasting Station.

Broadcasting hours have been fixed from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

## Red 'Promises' To Czech President

Prague, Feb. 27. Premier Klement Gottwald promised President Eduard Benes today that the new Communist-controlled Government of Czechoslovakia will be "constitutional, democratic and parliamentary," the Government radio reported.

The Communist official was responding to an address by the non-party President in Benes' first meeting with the Communist-dominated Cabinet he approved on Wednesday at Gottwald's urging.

Gottwald, the radio said, thanked the President "for your confidence" and told him: "The attempt to split the Government was a wilful act against the interests of the people. The people wanted to throw out the traitors and assurance of a people's democracy. You, Mr. President, helped to dissolve the crisis."

The Cabinet crisis arose when 12 anti-Communist Ministers submitted their resignations last Friday to protest an order of the Communist Interior Ministry affecting the State security police.

Gottwald, the radio reported, told Benes, "I am sure that Parliament will acknowledge this Government, too."

He was quoted as saying he rejected the criticism "of the foreign countries which were responsible for Munich."—Associated Press.

## MORE MURDERS IN BURMA

Rangoon, Feb. 27. Despatches from Mandalay today reported the assassination of Thakin Tin Maung, O.C., leader of the Upper Burma Resident Association, and his Burgher executive, of the organization.

The assassins, said the victims, had been shot and bludgeoned. As a result of the murders, all arms and ammunition in the Kyaukse district had been called in by the Burmese authorities. The despatches said.—Associated Press.

## Aussie Trading With Japs

Tokyo, Feb. 27. Arrangements have been completed between SCAP and Australia for early resumption of two-way Australian-Japanese trade on a limited scale within general framework of interim sterling payments agreement recently negotiated with SCAP by the United Kingdom authorities, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. J.B. Chifley, announced.

One of the clauses of the agreement states that the unused balance held in SCAP's sterling account may be converted into dollars at six-monthly intervals, which made it necessary to treat Japan virtually as a dollar country for importing purposes.

The new arrangement will overcome difficulties created by the convertibility clause. The basis of the arrangements is that Australia will authorize the issue of licences for the importation by a private trader of certain essential goods from Japan, thus providing SCAP with funds to purchase Australian wool and other products. Cotton bales and cotton yarn are excluded from the arrangements.—Reuter.

## ATLAS PLANE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Feb. 27. Ten American businessmen arrived here today from Hong Kong on a private flight. Details of the flight, which was on a Douglas C-47, are being reported by the press.—Reuter.

## FINNS NEXT ON LIST? Moscow 'Proposals' To Helsinki

Helsinki, Feb. 27. The Foreign Ministry said today that Finland has received from the Soviet Government a proposal for conclusion of a pact between Russia and Finland.

Reports circulated that high-level Government discussions were under way concerning a "new development in Russian-Finnish relations."

There was no immediate information as to what kind of pact was intended, whether of friendship, mutual defence, or a combination of both.

The Foreign Ministry said President Paasikivi received a personal letter yesterday containing

what was described as a new "Soviet programme declaration." There was no explanation of the phrase.

Well-informed diplomatic sources said the President met with members of his Government both yesterday and today to discuss the matter. They said he summoned the Foreign Affairs Committee for a meeting at the Presidential Palace yesterday and that other members of the Government were called in later. The Speaker of Parliament was said to have been a late afternoon visitor.

### Wild Rumours

Rumours have been running wild in Helsinki since news of the Communist success in Czechoslovakia.

The leftist press in Finland has been urging a mutual friendship pact with the Soviet Union for a long time. Interior Minister Yrjo Leino urged such a pact during an election campaign last December.

The Communist press for some time has been attacking foreign correspondents in the Finnish capital, accusing them of traitorous activities.—Associated Press.

## Communist Claim In Civil War

London, Feb. 27. An article in today's Communist Daily Worker claimed that from July 1946 to December 1947 the "People's Liberation Army" in China had accounted for 1,878,000 Kuomintang troops and that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had lost 1,000,000 through desertion in the same period.

The article, by a commentator signing himself "Raymond Wong," said: "For the Chinese people 1948 will be a great year. It will see them marching triumphantly forward to their goal of final victory."

"The People's Liberation Army has already repelled an offensive of several millions of Chiang Kai-shek's reactionary troops and has begun an offensive on a nationwide scale."

"In 18 months of fighting from July 1946 to December 1947 the People's Liberation Army has accounted for 1,878,000 Kuomintang troops of whom 1,136,000 were taken prisoner."

"Chiang Kai-shek has lost a million men through desertion in this period."—Reuter.

## Big Coal Export Envisaged

London, Feb. 26. Britain intends to export up to 16 million tons of coal this year, thanks to an unexpectedly high production and low consumption at home, the Minister of Fuel, Mr. Hugh Gaitkell, told the House of Commons today.

The coal production in Britain has been maintained at an average of over 4,000,000 tons weekly since the Saturday overtime working was introduced last November.

Stocks are about double those of last winter when all exports were temporarily halted during the fuel crisis emergency.

Mr. Gaitkell explained later that by allocating 15 million to 16 million tons of coal this year for exports and bunkers, Britain was contributing between \$40,000,000 and \$40,000,000 more to the credit side of her balance of payments.—Reuter.

## DASH ENDED IN DEATH

In a bold bid for freedom, Yeung Wai-man, Chinese male, fell from the roof of a house in Koon Chung, Yau-mai, at about 2 p.m. yesterday and sustained injuries to his head, from which he died later in hospital.

It is reported that Yeung was brought out of Stanley Prison yesterday to lead a party of Police to arrest certain alleged associates when he made his attempt to escape from custody.

## PIRATES FOILED

According to a report made to the Water Police yesterday, a steam launch, towing six junks, was attacked by a junk containing 20 pirates when near Wang Mun in Chinese waters, at about 10 a.m. on Feb. 26.

After an exchange of fire, the pirates were beaten off and the steam launch and junks in tow proceeded to Hong Kong.—Reuter.

The British steamer "Atlantic City" arrived in Hong Kong yesterday with 10,000 tons of Japanese steel for Japan.—Reuter.

## C.H.R. To Start Up

Shanghai, Feb. 27. Traffic along the strategic Canton-Hankow railway is expected to resume tomorrow after a three-day halt due to landslides which, some sources claimed, were started by the Chinese Communists.

Other reports said they were due to three days of rain.

The break occurred 100 miles north of Canton.—United Press.

## Reds Find A Secret Agreement

Moscow, Feb. 27. According to a Chinese Communist Party spokesman, quoted by Tass, official Soviet News Agency, America and the Chinese National Government have reached a "secret agreement" under which air, navigation and other rights in China will be granted for a \$570,000,000 loan.

The spokesman was said to have declared in an interview that America was to get navigation rights on Chinese internal waterways as well as control in southern China, and privileges for "merchants."

"The spokesman said that this 'shameless trading' in the sovereign rights of China was the result of American aims to prolong the Chinese civil war."

"There is not a single act of the so-called economic aid granted by the American imperialists to the Kuomintang which does not constitute military aid," he declared.

"Economic aid and goods for rendering aid, not only make it possible for the Chiang Kai-shek Government to receive planes, artillery and all types of arms, military equipment and ammunition from the United States, but cash to buy armaments in other countries."

"Last year the Kuomintang government bought 160 tons of armaments from Belgium." The spokesman alleged that American military staff were helping to train Chinese troops in Formosa, and in towns like Nanking, Mukden, Peiping and Hankow, and he also said: "American imperialists" and "Chinese reactionaries" were trying to postpone the Japanese peace treaty so that they could use Japan to their own ends.—Reuter.

## Gas To Be Restored In Happy Valley

The whole Happy Valley district will be provided with gas services by the end of May, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively yesterday.

The only areas in the Valley district without a gas supply are the Blue Pool Road and Sing Wo Road sections.

Works have been going on for some time to restore the gas service to these two sections. With the recent arrival of essential materials from Britain, the gas company is now exerting every effort to complete the work as soon as possible.

The next areas to be tackled will be Broadwood Road and sections of North Point and Gaiway Bay.

Areas still without gas services, apart from the above mentioned locations, are Brown Road, Magazine Gap, a section of Barker Road, Mount Cameron, Gough Hill, Mount Austin, Middle Gap Road and Crispin Road.

Work on restoring the service has been in progress for the past eight months, with repeated interruptions owing to non-arrival of necessary materials. It is expected that the gas supply to the whole district will be restored by the end of May.

## The Weather

General situation: From the Siberian anti-cyclone there extends a strong ridge of high pressure across Manchuria to an anticyclone which has developed over the sea of Japan and from this another ridge extends south to the west Caroline Islands. A weak ridge from the Siberian anti-cyclone extends to north China. A small depression over the eastern Southern sea is developing slowly and is moving towards south Kynshu. Another weak depression has developed over Taiwan and Tungting. Present—Light and variable winds. Cloudy with few patches of light becoming fair during the morning.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 75.3 deg. F. Minimum: 64.5 deg. F. Rainfall: 7.1 inches.

Forecast: Mild, with some rain. A depression moving on from the south, bringing rain and strong winds. Maximum: 75.3 deg. F. Minimum: 64.5 deg. F. Rainfall: 7.1 inches.

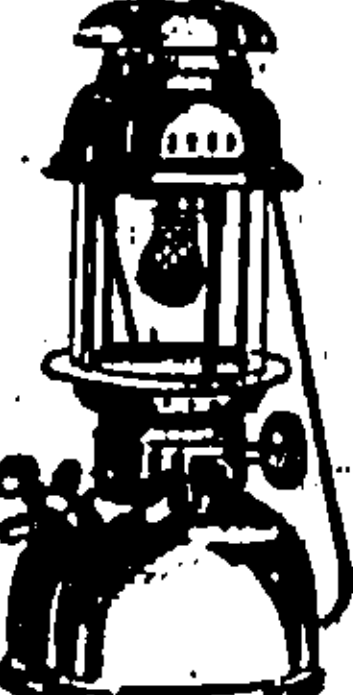
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## Ignored Warning

Div. Officer R.H.J. Brooks, Kowloon Fire Brigade, visited the premises of the Chee Sing Co., 87 Yu Chau Street, second floor, on Jan. 31 and found a quantity of fireworks. He told Woo Shing, the master, that he would be summoned.

The following day, D/O Brooks found a case of fireworks being unloaded and carried into the same premises.

Yun Koo, of 23A Boundary Street, claimed that he was the owner, and that he was the proprietor of the Wo Ping Firm.

After a lot of work sifting out the documentary evidence, the Fire Officer found that Yun was actually the fink of Woo and took the blame to save his master from a second summons.

This story was related to Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Yun Koo was summoned for storing 150 lbs. of fireworks and possession of prohibited fireworks.

He was fined \$200, and the fireworks were ordered to be confiscated.

When Woo Shing appeared, D/O Brooks informed the Court that defendant had a previous conviction for similar offences.

He was fined the maximum of \$100 on each summons and the goods were ordered to be confiscated.

## FOOD PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of donations received up to yesterday which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Hong Kong Philatelic Society ..... \$ 265.45  
Received up to 20th February 1948 and already acknowledged ..... 37,939.59

Total donations received up to 27th February 1948 ..... \$38,205.04

Donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer Messrs. Pent, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Exchange Building.

On Tuesday next, the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will see a Sound Film entitled "Colonel Crompton". The Meeting will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

# FALSE PRETENCES: WOMAN GETS YEAR Sold Cheque From California

Twelve months' hard labour was imposed upon a woman, Kong Tsui-yuk, 29, of No. 311, Des Voeux Road Central, second floor, by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

DSI Lau prosecuted, while Tsui, said to be the wife of the proprietor of the Wing Wo Cheung Company, was not legally represented.

Chan Chung-chau, of No. 34 Gilman Bazaar, second floor, said he shared the second floor of No. 311, Des Voeux Road Central, with the Wing Wo Cheung Company, in October, 1946. He closed his company and went to Canton in March, 1947, where in May he received a telegram from a relative in California, that he had air-lettered to him to the Wing Wo Cheung Company a cheque for US\$1,200. Not receiving the letter, Chan came down and

found out from a fink that the letter had been received already. After several unavailing visits to the firm, Chan reported to the Police, who instructed him to write to Lee about the matter.

## Old Customer

Lee sent on December 12, 1947, another letter with the original cheque cancelled in Hong Kong and bearing the chop of the Hang Tai Bank No. 17, Benham Strand East. Acting on information given by the Bank, defendant was arrested.

Leung Ka-chit, assistant cashier of the Hang Tai Bank, said defendant sold to his bank a cheque valued at US\$1,200, telling him that she was acting on behalf of a customer. Being an old customer of his, Leung trusted her and bought it for HK\$6,672. The cheque bore the chop of the Wing Wo Cheung Company, he added.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, alleged that Chan had trouble with her over the tenancy of No. 331, Des Voeux Road, saying that last year Chan arranged with "lan tsai" to threaten her and turn her family out. She reported to the Police, who took the "lan tsai" to the station. Nothing more was heard about them.

## Civil Action

A month later, Chan brought the same "gang" again and she further reported it. This time she was sent with three E.U. members who arrested the "trespassers." Police, Kong said, scolded Chan for his action and advised him if he had any right to the tenancy to take civil action. The same thing happened some weeks later; this time an Inspector followed her home, where Chan refused to open the door for them. He was again scolded. Chan then took civil action but the case was not heard when Chan made the present allegation and caused her to be detained. A week after her detention, Kong went on, Chan had the "lan tsai" turn her family out.

None of the money was recovered. Defendant, DSI Lau said, had no record.

## Art Show Opened

The exhibition of artistic work by Mr. Kam-Shek Kan now on show to the public in the lounge of the St. Francis Hotel, was officially opened yesterday morning by Lady Grantham.

Accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. R. Scott, and A.D.C. Captain Wilson, Lady Grantham examined the 100 paintings and works of calligraphy which are to be sold in aid of the General Hospital of the Poor, in Canton.

At the private viewing on Thursday, over \$10,000 was collected from paintings sold. The exhibition will continue until March 1. Lady Grantham, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Diana Kan, daughter of Mr. Kan, ordered a special chop to be made by him. Well-known for work of this kind, Mr. Kan designs his chops, according to old Chinese customs. The one which he will make for Lady Grantham will conform to the usual Chinese rule of having the maiden surname as well as the married name of the owner inscribed.

Two of the suspects were released. In the robbery at 518 Nathan Road, ground floor, the inmates were robbed at pistol point, of two golf jackets, 21 pairs of trousers, four shirts, a cotton quilt, two metal wristwatches, and \$155 in money.

## THE WHISKERS CLUB



## A SIGH OF RELIEF

Hong Kong's capacity in the absorption of gin was a trifle over-stated in our paper yesterday.

The figure 799,838 represented not gallons of gin but the amount in dollars paid as duty on a total of 23,947 gallons of gin.

We may now breathe more easily.

## Wedding

A charming wedding took place at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday when Miss Ding Po Pan became the bride of Mr. Sham Hok Po.

The wedding was performed in traditional Chinese style by Sir Robert Kewell acting as the officiating clergy.

The bride wore a full length gown of white nylon over heavy slipper satin with long "leg o'mutton" sleeves and a basque effect embroidered with silver tinsel trimmings. Her long train of tulle veiling was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a huge shower bouquet of white gladioli.

Attending the bride were two small flower girls, the Misses L. Lau and Joan Tong. Miss Lau wore a long pink tulle dress with a border of blue rose buds while Miss Tong wore a dress of pink tulle embroidered with pink and blue frills. Both young ladies carried posies of sweet peas. Master N. Yee looked very sweet in suit of white satin.

Over 150 guests were present at the reception.

## Accused In Hospital

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector J.M. Forrest, Tang Yiu-wing (28) and Lai Hing-sing (39), both rattle workers of 295 Yu Chau Street, first floor, were remanded for another week in custody when they appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday in connection with an armed robbery at 518 Nathan Road, and possession of arms and ammunition.

Li Chung-wo alias Lau Sze-sang alias Lau Chuen-heung (24), who was shot by a Police constable at Kowloon Tong on Feb. 22, was still in Kowloon Hospital and was unable to appear before the Magistrate to face the charges preferred against him and the first accused.

Tang is also being charged, with Lai, with possession of 40 rounds of ammunition at the Yu Chau Street address on Feb. 22.

It will be recalled that after Li, who gave his name as Chung Fat, was shot by the constable in a lane behind Sherry Street, detectives from Kowloon City C.I.D. under Det. Inspector C.Y. Siu, raided Yu Chau Street, arrested four men and seized 40 rounds of ammunition and an old-fashioned bread knife.

## KOWLOON ROTARY

Kowloon Rotary Club welcomed its first visiting Rotarian from abroad to its weekly luncheon at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday.

The visitor was Prof. W.A. Anderson of Cornell University, who brought greetings from his home club at Ithaca, N.Y.

The speaker at yesterday's luncheon was Mr. P. B. Park of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock, who gave a talk on steel manufacture, its various classifications and purposes.

Club President F.C. Cleme extended a welcome to the guests.

# HAWKERS' ALLEGATIONS DISPROVED BY COURT

Two women hawkers, whose allegations that they were forced to sell other than on the specified pitches by unlicensed hawkers, aided by police constables, were held to be disproved yesterday, were each fined \$25 or 10 days' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy.

Inspector Moran, told the Court that the allegations were entirely unfounded. Each defendant had a fixed pitch. Adjoining first defendant's pitch were some fish scales but not to the extent of driving her away.

Mr. Stevens, of the Health Department, said his department had been working in conjunction with the Police with regard to the hawking of fish and food. There had been many complaints of unlicensed hawkers encroaching on licensed hawkers' pitches, and there were some free-for-alls between these people. The pitches were not marked that No. 1 Pitch claimed the best site, and the degree of betterment lessened as the number descended. The sites were frequently altered by unknown persons and lack of staff at present had prevented severe measures.

Defendant, pleading not guilty, was remanded for 24 hours. Bail of \$5,000 was granted.

It was alleged that Yuen on May 6, 1947, at the Ching Wah Kook Tea-house, Wing Lok Street, East, with intent to defraud, obtained from Lam Chik-no \$700 by falsely pretending that he was in a position to obtain a stall holder's licence for Lam, when in fact he had no authority to do so. Yuen, who will be prosecuted by DSI Willerton today, is also charged with falsely obtaining \$350 from Lam at the Yun Kee Cafe, Hollywood Road, on May 22 for the same reason.

## Sanitary Foreman In Court

A foreman of the Sanitary Department, Yuen Yee, 39, of No. 30 Elgin Street, ground floor, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with obtaining money by false pretences.

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## Bad Location

Graham Street, scene of the incident, witness said, had always been a very, very bad location but it was considered by the Health Department better to permit hawking in that street than have it in Queen's Road. But hawkers persisted in congregating at the mouth of Graham Street and elsewhere.

Ho Kiu, 42, charged with failing to comply with the restrictions as to the place of hawking laid down on his licence, alleged that her stores were thrown out by a constable and that she had reported the matter to Police at Central.

She also alleged that some fishermen who hawked near her pitch threatened to "kill her."

With Ho, was 60-year-old Lau Cheung, who requested the Magistrate to put her back on her pitch.

Mr. d'Almada ordered that defendants be put back in their respective pitches and requested SI Hollingshead to warn the others not to molest them. They were told to report any encroachment to the Police at once.

## PROFITEERS

A large batch of profiteering shopkeepers appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday, fined imposed ranging from \$150 for selling Oxo at 13 cents over the controlled price (second offence) to \$100 for over-charging 10 cents on a tin of milk.

For excessive prices of oranges and apples, one man was fined \$200.

## Reminders

Today

Leap Year Dance, Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Entries for Colony Open Tennis Championships close 5 p.m.  
Chinese New Year Dinner Party, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, at Brigade Headquarters, Tai Hang Rd., 7 p.m.  
Film Shows, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.  
Paintings and Calligraphy Exhibition, St. Francis Hotel, Queen's Road, Central.  
United Services Recreation Club's Leap Year Dance, 9 p.m.  
Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.  
Rugby International Series Final, at Sookunpoo ground, 4 p.m.

## Coming Events

Concert of Recorded Music, To H Club, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.  
Inaugural Luncheon by China Construction Co. Ltd., of site of new APC installation at Kowloon, launches from Blake Pier, APC North Point installation, Police Pier at Kowloon, at 11 a.m.

## Clearance Sale

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# THE SANTOS CASE: E.U. MAN ON STAND Claims Asked To Drive Lorry

Testifying in his own defence before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, Richard Santos, member of the Emergency Unit charged with manslaughter, claimed that he was asked by a colleague, PC Pereira, to drive the vehicle involved in the accident at Queen Victoria Street on Dec. 22.

Santos, who had started giving his testimony in English, later stated that he would prefer to speak in Portuguese. This resulted in some delay and eventually, Mr. C. d'Almada e Castro was sworn in as interpreter.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Traffic Inspector W. Eggleston, is for the prosecution.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn, of Messrs. Bratton & Co., is appearing for Santos.

Inspector N. Reynolds, who appeared on subpoena, said he was responsible for the training and testing of driver. Santos passed out on Oct. 18, 1947. He was tested and passed out on a 3-ton lorry, similar to that involved in the accident. He considered Santos was efficient to drive that type of vehicle.

## Natural

It was natural that any person, after passing a test in a 3-ton lorry, should feel slightly nervous until he had acquired readiness, which could only come from time and practice.

Dr. D. V. Gould, recalled and cross-examined at considerable length by Mr. Bernacchi, said the effect of alcohol was not the same on all people. A given amount of alcohol would affect a small man to a greater extent than it would a man of large size. Alcohol has an immediate effect on the higher centres of the brain which control emotions.

After evidence by Inspector T. McInnes and Inspector Norman Senior as well as Traffic Inspector W. Eggleston, the case for the prosecution closed.

## Santos On Stand

Richard Santos, testifying after Bernacchi had opened the case for the defence, said he was in the canteen with friends at about 10 a.m. on Dec. 22. He had two cups of beer.

## RADIO

ZHW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 932 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. and from 7.00 to 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Songs by Mary Martin and Tony Martin.

1.10 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Studio: Terry Louie and His Quintet.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio: Transcription Service: Much Riffing in the Marsh.

6.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Richard Crooks (Tenor).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: "Unit Requests"—Linda Carter Calling—No. 3 HAF Police District.

8.15 p.m.—Studio: "See You" Soccer Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—Interlude.

8.30 p.m.—Studio: Transcription Service: Melodies from British Radio George Brown and His Blue Marlins Band: Barbara Summer, Vocal.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.11 p.m.—Saturday Serenade.

9.30 p.m.—H.K.T. Transcription Service: Paul Temple and the Gregory Affair—By Francis Durbridge.

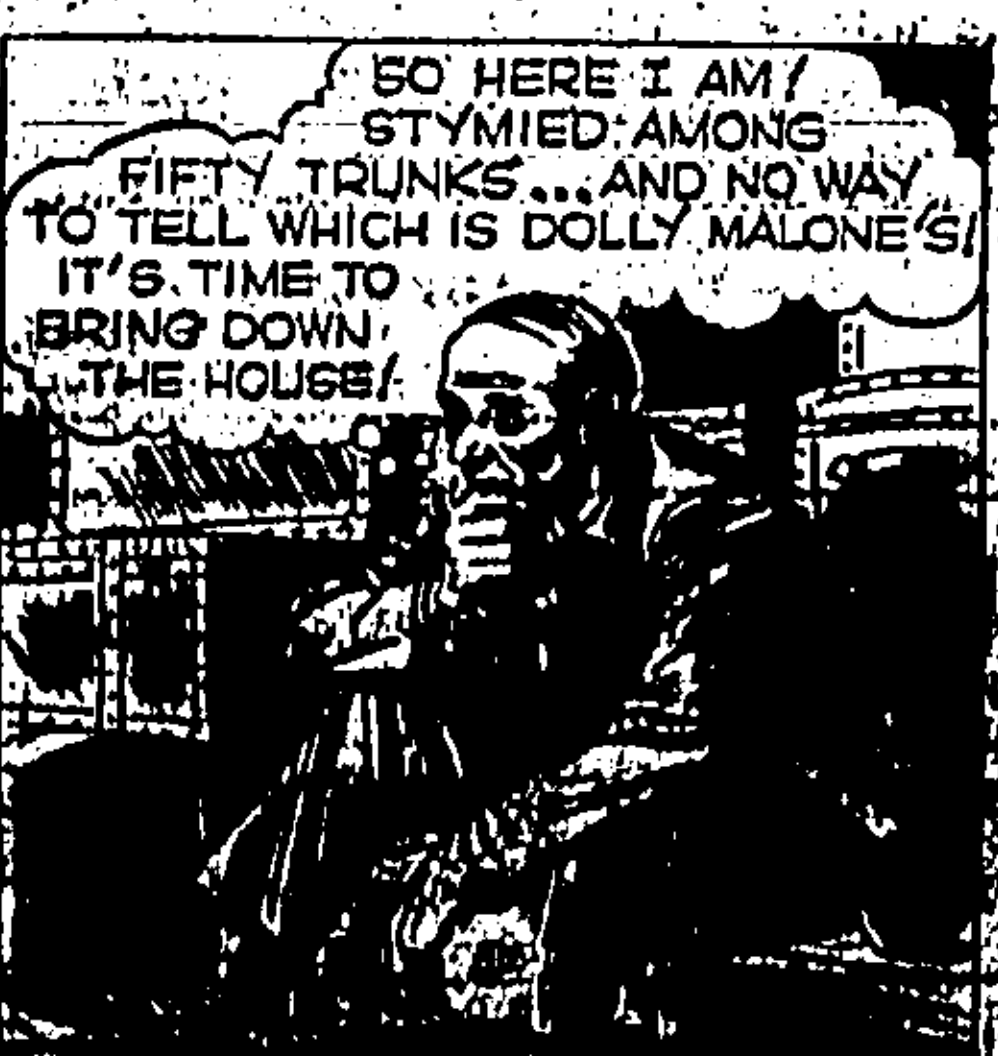
Episode 10—"Presenting Mr. Gregory."

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News.

10.15 p.m.—Cabaret and Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

## RIP KIRBY



## WOOD MURDER CHARGE

Three men, alleged to have been concerned in the brutal murder of Lytton Davis Wood at a path leading from Lion Rock, on Feb. 11, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, and on the application of the prosecution, were again remanded for three days.

The accused are: Lau Hoi alius Lau Yun-hoi, a 20-year-old youth, the top of whose head scarcely reached the top rail of the dock, and whose address was given as an unnumbered hut in Sang Lee Yuen Garden, Nga Tsin Wai Village.

Ho Cheuk-kei, aged 26, thin-framed and standing about 5 feet 5 inches. His address was given as that of the first accused.

Kong Lok, aged 44, thin faced with high cheek-bones. Address given as Sheung Yuen Ling Village.

## C.N.A.C. TO RUN TO TOKYO

Shanghai, Feb. 26. Three officials of the China National Aviation Corporation will fly to Tokyo within the next few days to complete discussions with SCAP for the opening of an airline between China and Japan, according to Chinese reports. They are said to include Wang Chia Hsiang, a member of CNAC Board of Directors. Some weeks ago SCAP approved in principle the inauguration of a Chinese airline to Japan.—Reuter.

## Cracker Permit Was Forged

So Suen-yau, former proprietor of the Chung Cheong Hardware Firm, charged with uttering a forged document and possessing such, was fined \$1,000 or six months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

So, represented by Mr. Hin Shing Lo, pleaded guilty.

Inspector Byron, of the SCA, told the Court that on Feb. 13, firecrackers attracted the attention of the SCA and a District Watchman was sent to investigate.

So produced a permit, which was checked at the SCA, where it was found that no such permit had been issued. For some reason or other, the clerk returned the permit to So, who was then taken to see the SCA. On the way, So tore up the permit. Pieces were later found in the compound of the Fire Brigade Bldg. A search brought out another permit in his possession, which was an obvious forgery. Time, dates and places had been altered. The document was signed by Mr. R. Hamilton, now in the United Kingdom, and there for the last nine months.

Defendant, of No. 58, Des Voeux Road, Central, Inspector Byron said, told him that he obtained the forged permit from another man and had no knowledge of the forgery.

A check of SCA records showed that defendant applied for a permit on March 8, 1947. Finger Print Department experts had declared that the permit was used on several occasions.

Mr. F. F. W. Shafton, SSP, asked for a formal remand for Guild, whose mental condition, he said, made it advisable for him to remain in hospital for the present. Guild was sent to the Prisoners' Ward Queen Mary Hospital for a week. He pleaded not guilty.

Tam was remanded for three days in police custody.

## Emperor's Aide Was Ambushed

"Even now it seems to be a dream to me," Vice-Admiral Tanaka Suzuki, on trial with 15 other alleged Japanese war criminals, told the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday, referring to the Chinese Communist forces' ambush on a train carrying the naval aide to the Emperor, who was inspecting Hainan Island.

Tanaka, charged with mistreating some 500 Hainan Camp prisoners and causing the death of 150 POWs between 1942 and 1945, finished his evidence yesterday, after which he was cross-examined by Prosecuting Officer Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div. SCAP, Tokyo, (GHQ).

Defendant told the Court, composed of Lt-Col. H. G. Quinn, DSO, ED, (President), Lt-Col. J. T. Brock (Judge Advocate) with Major N. McCleod and Lt. R. Carter as members, that the Chinese Communist forces chose the moment when the naval aide to the Japanese Emperor visited the island for an inspection tour. All the troops then were assigned to guard the railway line.

But a truck, containing 11 Japanese and 19 Australian POWs, was ambushed, Tanaka continued, adding that his scouts did not follow his instructions to reconnoitre the area.

Captain Kamura, second of the 16 defendants, will enter the box today at 9.30 a.m. and his evidence is expected to go on for a few days.

## Committed On A Serious Charge

Chan Cheung, 28-year-old shop assistant, was committed for trial by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for a serious offence against Wong Wan, 36, married woman, at 173 Peiho Street, ground floor, on Jan. 20.

In evidence, complainant said she had been married to Yu Man-shing for 18 years, and was the mother of eight children.

She came to Hong Kong, for the first time, in Feb. 1947 and occupied a wooden shed in the backyard of 173 Peiho Street, ground floor. There was no lock to the door of the shed.

Her husband, declared witness, was a sweet drinks hawker at Shumchun who visited the Colony once or twice a month.

## Alleged Struggle

Referring to the alleged offence, witness said that she went to bed at 10 p.m. on Jan. 19, and was awakened at a.m. the following morning by someone in the room.

She was told in a voice, which she recognised as that of accused, "Keep quiet and do not make a noise." She struggled with her assailant but was no match for him.

After a little over five minutes, said witness, defendant left her shed and went back to his own room which was just in front of her shed. She followed him and shouted out to his wife but received no reply.

At 8 a.m. the same morning, she spoke to accused's wife about the incident and was given a "lucky package" containing 40 cents, a pair of artificial flowers, and a piece of red cloth—symbols of the customary apology.

## Report Made

When her husband returned from Shumchun on Feb. 8, she told him about the matter. He told her not to say anything about it to anyone for the time being.

At 9 p.m. the following day, she went with her husband to Shamshui Police Station, where a report was made. Two days later she saw accused in his room having his morning meal, and her husband went out and brought back a Chinese detective who took him into custody.

In reply to Det. Sub-Inspector C. Dowman, prosecuting, witness said that at the time of the alleged offence, defendant's breath did not smell of wine but only of tobacco.

## Defendants Exonerated

"I discharge all defendants without any stain or blemish on their characters," Mr. F. X. d'Almada remarked when he discharged Lau Wo-ling, 32-year-old manager, of No. 23, China Street, Kuk Hing-chu, 28, shop fold, and Wong Wah-yick, shop coolie, on charges of larceny of Admiralty flour, receiving stolen property and aiding and abetting the crime.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths, defence counsel, said: "The case is undoubtedly an abuse of process. There was obviously no malice on the other side. If there were, defendants could take action... The first defendant has a high character and possesses a certificate given by the Governor for services rendered during the Japanese occupation. I ask Your Worship to make a public statement exonerating defendants without any stain or blemish on their characters."

First defendant was charged with stealing 27 sacks of flour, valued at \$960, property of the Admiralty, on Feb. 3 and receiving stolen property.

The other two defendants were charged with aiding and abetting the larceny and receiving.

The flour was ordered to be returned to the defendants.

## Pink Pills Were Not Heroin

Bail of \$2,000 was forfeited by Leung Sul, 35-year-old woman, when she failed to appear before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to answer three charges of possession of opium.

Leung was originally charged, on Feb. 20, with possession of 14 tins of raw, and 5 tins of prepared opium at 228 Kilong Street, second floor; and possession of 950 pills alleged to be heroin pills, at the latter address.

She was remanded for one week on bail of \$2,000 for an analyst's report regarding the pink pills.

When the case was called yesterday, Revenue Officer Knox applied for the withdrawal of the heroin pills charge.

The promises were raided by Revenue Officer Fowler at 11.30 a.m. on Feb. 19, and in a hole in the wall near the verandah, hidden by a calendar, at 228 Kilong Street was found the opium and pink pills.

In a false compartment of the table in the rear cubicle at 224 Kilong Street was discovered 14 tins of raw opium.

## ROAD HOGS FINED

Ten "road hogs" were among 31 traffic offenders summoned at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam.

Charged with speeding, they were fined between \$50 and \$250.

Three "public nuisances" were fined \$25 each for sounding their horns unnecessarily. Others, whose summonses ranged from leaving vehicles unattended and causing obstruction, were fined between \$10 and \$50.

Traffic SI Reddish prosecuted.

## TRAM DIVIDEND

The Directors of Hong Kong Tramways Limited, announce that they will recommend to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual Meeting a dividend of \$1.10 per share for the year ended 31st December 1947 less Corporation Profits Tax at 10%.

Two years and ten months was the sentence passed on Li Sang, 35, unemployed, when he appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday on charges of keeping an opium den, at 225, Hollywood Road (first floor), possession of a heroin pipe and possession of heroin pills.

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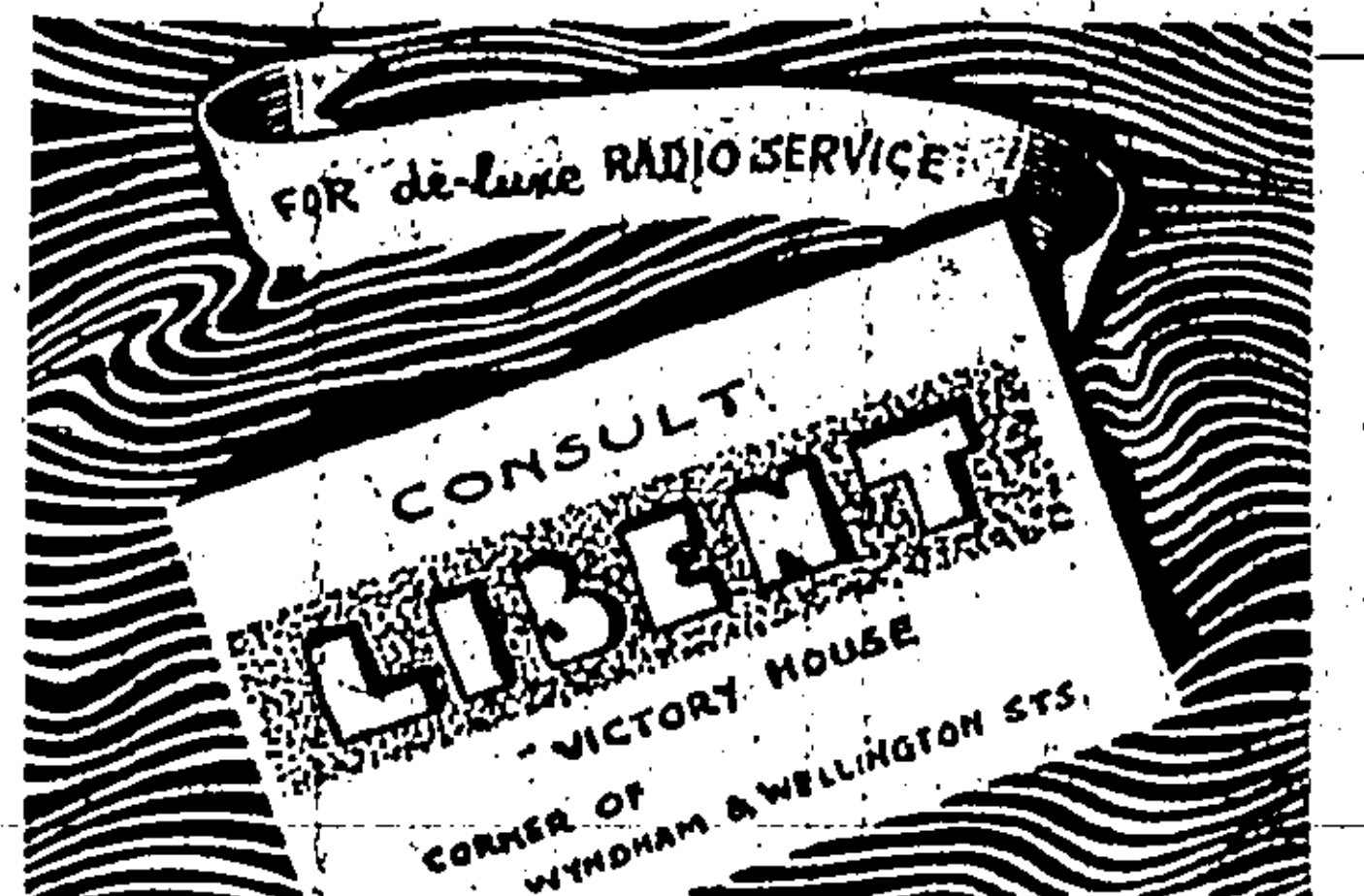
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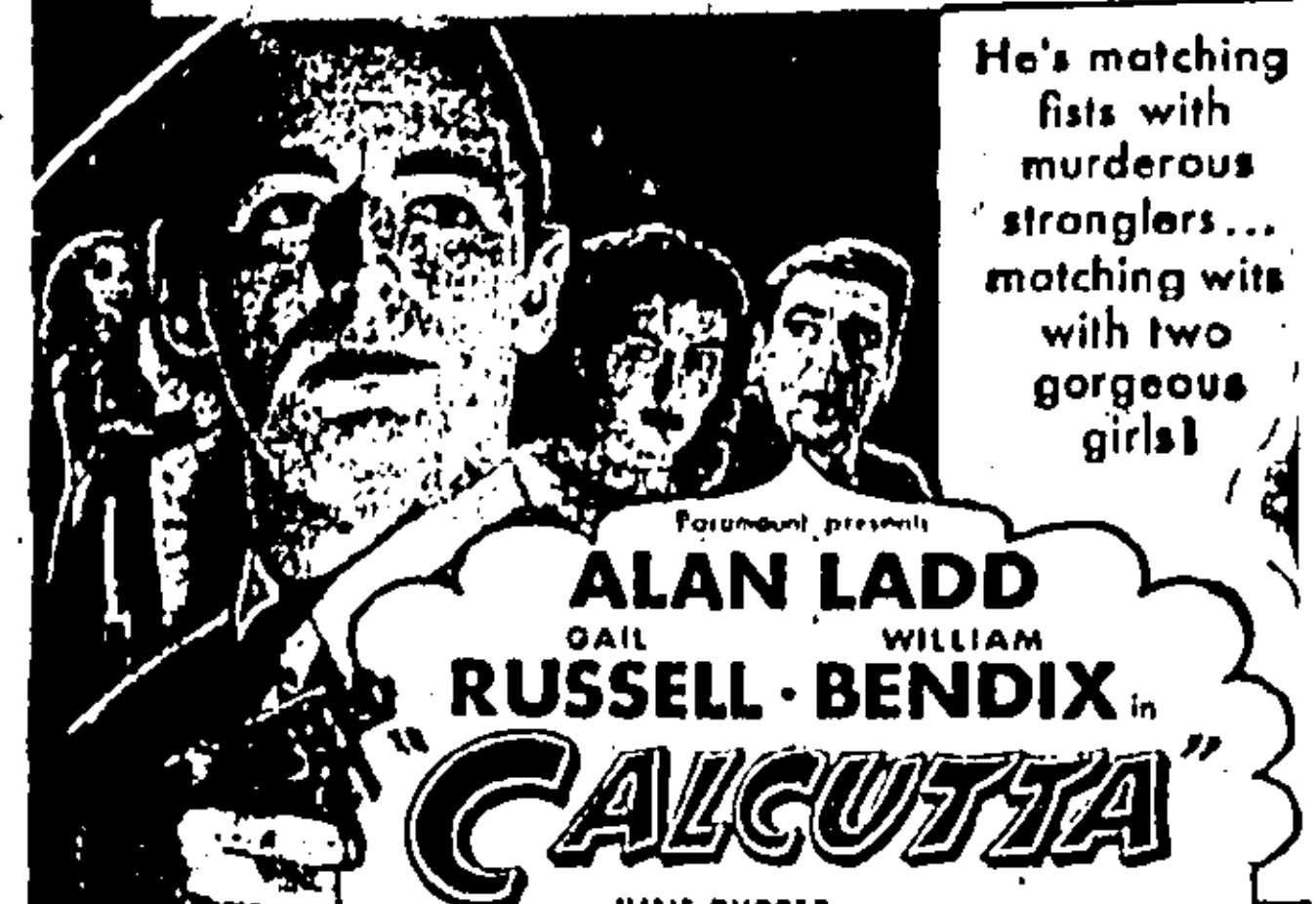
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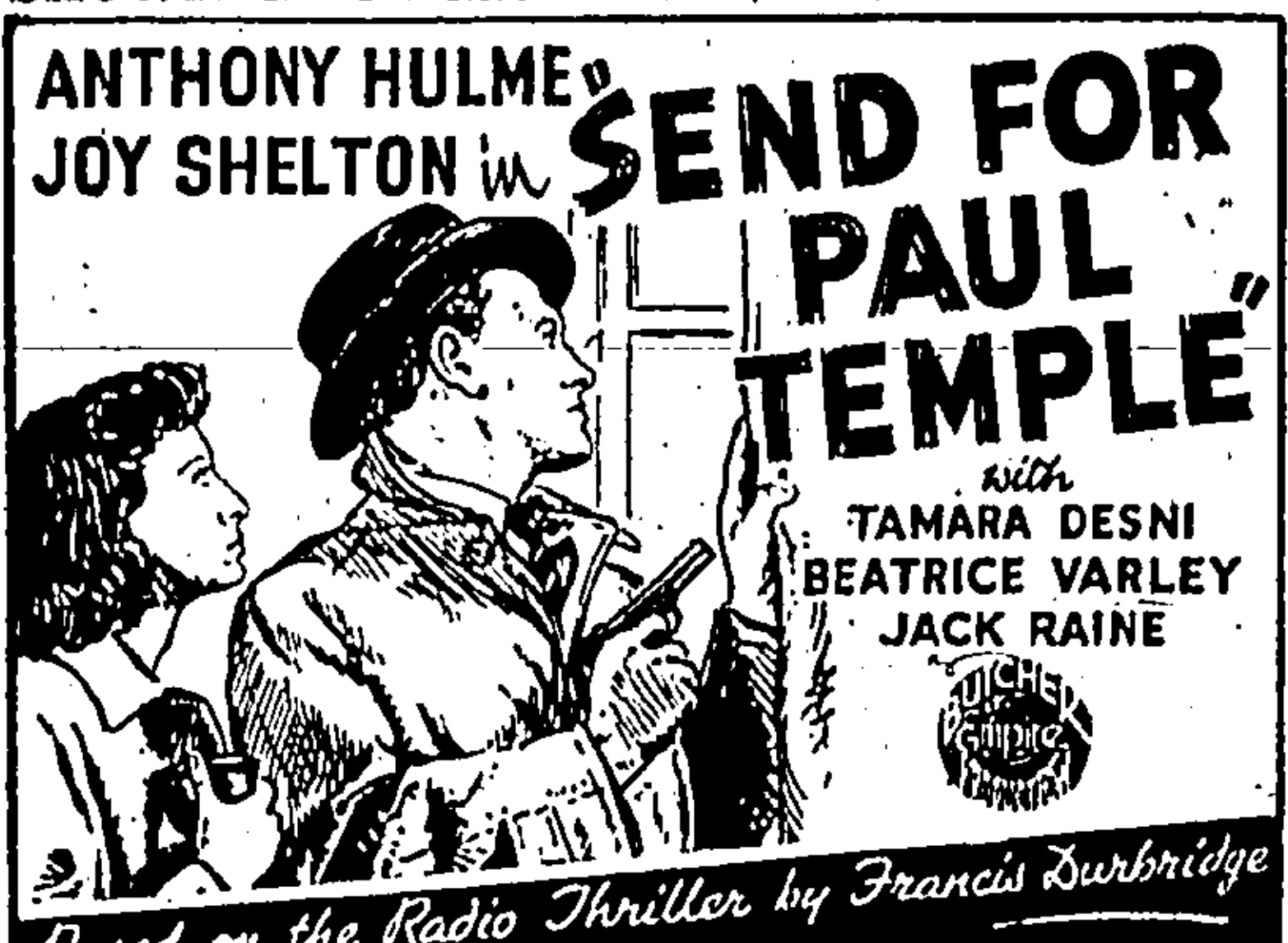
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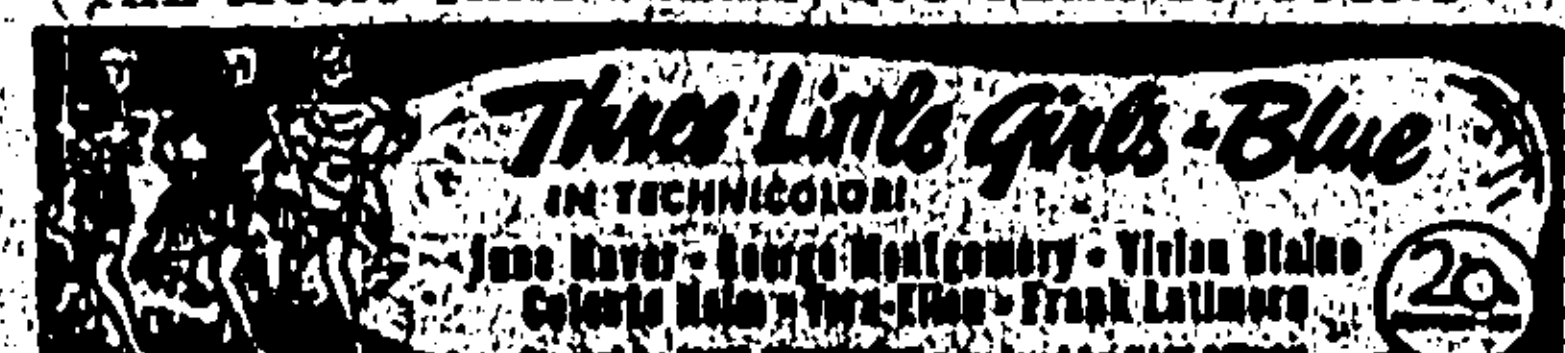
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# JERUSALEM BATTLE

## British Troops Ordered Into Action

### Intervention In Arab-Jew Clash

Jerusalem, Feb. 26.

Red flares lit the sky over Jerusalem tonight as British troops sought out Jewish and Arab gun positions south of the Old City. Heavy exchanges of rifle and automatic fire could be heard.

Two Arabs were killed and five wounded today when sharp fighting broke out between Jews and Arabs around the Hebrew University and the big Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem.

About eight Jews were wounded, Jewish sources stated. Police headquarters reported that Jewish gun positions on the roof of the hospital and university fired at Arab positions in Wadi Joz, on the slopes of Mount Scopus.

Five houses in the Wadi Joz were damaged by Jewish mortars. It was officially reported. The Palestine Government, in an official statement today, said the Jewish Agency's "pre-mature accusations" linking British forces with Sunday's Ben Yehuda Street explosion were "entirely unfounded."

A Government spokesman, referring to tomorrow's opening of an enquiry conducted by the Jewish Agency into the explosion, said the only authority competent to hold an enquiry was the Palestine Government.

The Government's investigation into the affair was not being helped by the lack of co-operation shown by the Agency, the spokesman added.

Haganah Radio tonight claimed that a Haganah striking force had wiped out 16 Syrian Arabs in a raid on the Arab village of Beit Bajan, near Jaffa.

The village was said to be a base for Arab attacks on Jewish convoys.—Reuter.

#### 20 Arabs Dead

Haganah quarters today said some 20 Arabs had been killed and an unknown number wounded in an eight-hour Arab bid, starting at midnight last night, to isolate the Jewish community on top of Mount Scopus.

The target of the Arab attack was the million-dollar Hadassah Hospital and the entire Hebrew University colony on the Mount, which overlooks the old city on the West and the Dead Sea on the East.

A Government communiqué said two Arabs were killed and three critically injured.—United Press.

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HEY!—WHAT'S THE IDEA?

SORRY!—MY MISTAKE!

#### The Last Post

Karachi, Feb. 26.

With colours raised, bayonets fixed and pipes skirling, the Black Watch marched from Pakistan today, the last British unit to leave the Dominion.

Led by pipers in full dress, more than 100 officers and men paraded in the grounds of Government House to offer the Royal salute to the Governor General, Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, and to receive his farewell message.—Reuter.

#### Arabs Give Warning

Washington, Feb. 26.

Confirmation that Arab League countries were warning the United States that their oil concessions in the Middle East would be cancelled if she continued to press for the partition of Palestine was made by an Arab Office spokesman in Washington today.

At the same time, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, gave a secret report on the Palestine situation and the American policy in relation to the Security Council to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Senators were sworn to secrecy.

It was understood that Mr. Marshall reiterated the statement on United States policy made by Senator Warren Austin this week and defended it on legal moral grounds.

He is understood to have reported that the United States has only 30,000 troops actually available now for any immediate movement.

Reports were current here today of a dispute between the State and Army Departments on the possibility of supplying troops.—Reuter.

#### Woman At The Head

London, Feb. 26.

A woman, Miss A. D. Stevens, heads a Board of Trade delegation which is now holding talks with the Soviet military administration in Berlin.

The delegation is seeking to conclude a trade pact between Britain and the Russian occupied Zone of Germany.

Britain, it is understood, is asking for timber, textiles, steel scrap and potash. The Russians, in return, require rubber, sisal, lead, copper and machinery.—Reuter.

#### "VALLEY FORGE"

Washington, Feb. 26.

The Navy confirmed today that the 27,000-ton carrier "Valley Forge" will visit the Persian Gulf shortly.

The "Valley Forge" will be accompanied by two destroyers scheduled to leave Tsingtau on March 1 and cruise around the world before San Diego, California.—Associated Press.

#### DR. LIE GIVES WARNING

Lake Success, Feb. 26.

If the Palestine situation is not settled "it will have a bad effect on the United Nations, especially if chaos resulted," Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, told correspondents here today.

It will reduce the prestige of the United Nations and lower the people's confidence in it, he added.

Asked to what extent the Security Council recognised the General Assembly's recommendations on peace, the Assistant Secretary General, Dr. Arkady Sobolev, said: "The Security Council is an independent organ and free to accept or reject the General Assembly's recommendations."

M. Ivan Kerno, Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs, said: "The Security Council is responsible for peace and security from whatever source peace is threatened. If it decides that any Assembly resolution is a threat to peace, it has power to recommend a reversal of that decision."

But neither Dr. Lie nor his assistants were prepared to clarify the delicate legal question which have been raised by the United States Government: (1) Has the General Assembly a right to enforce its decision? (2) Has the United Nations a legal right to set up three separate governments in Palestine? (3) What will happen if the Security Council finds that the root cause of the disorder in Palestine is the Assembly's partition decision?—Reuter.

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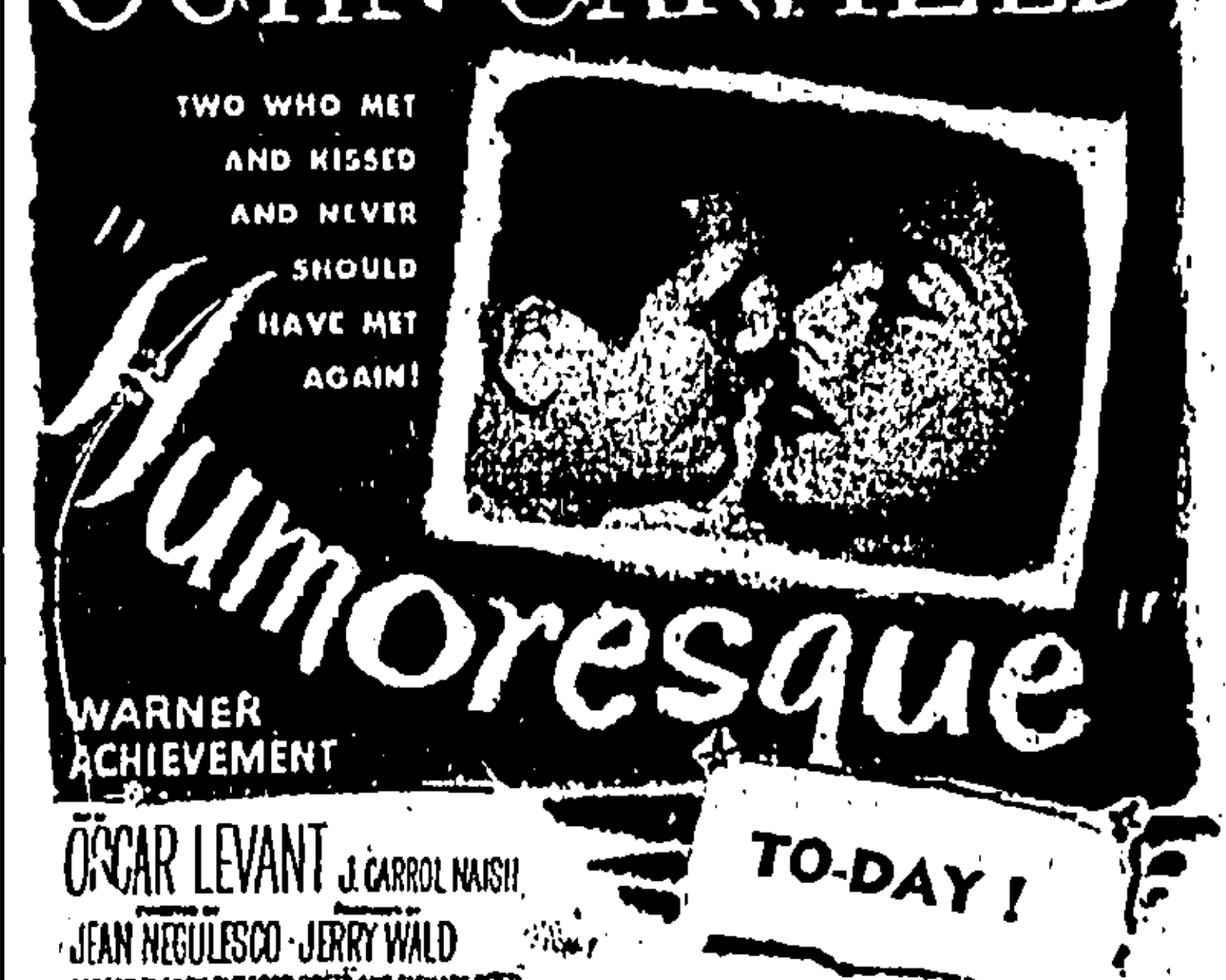
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## By Royal Macartney

notes for us next November." Mr. Truman is as keenly interested in the beams in the ceiling as the holes in the wall. "Come 1949 we'll be back on his pleasure ground," he hopes.

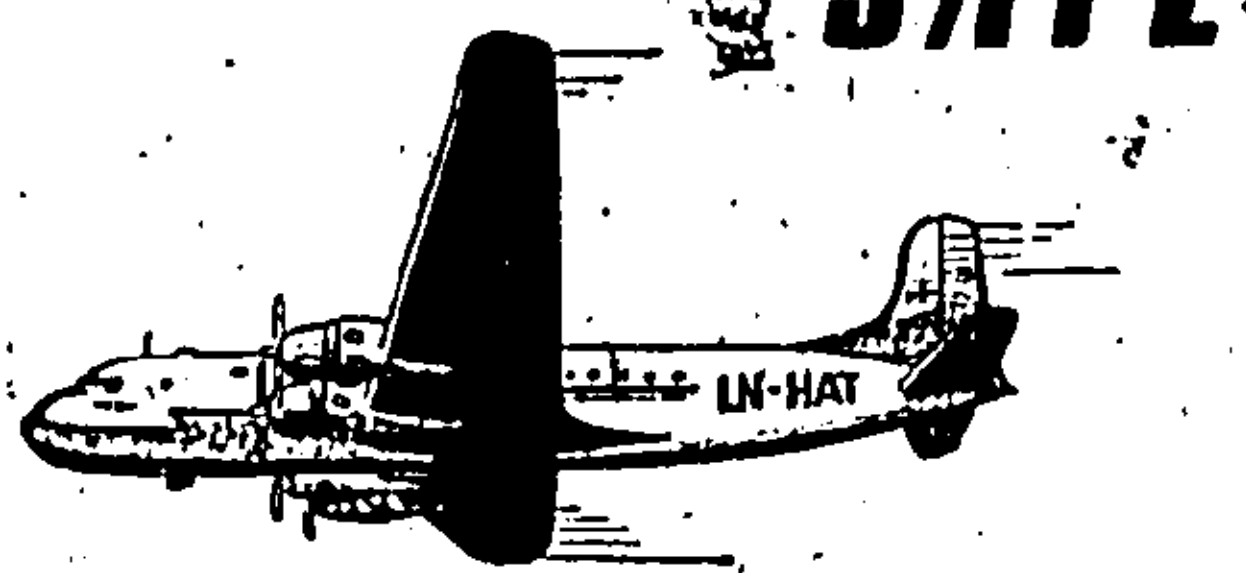
These hopes have much to do with General Eisenhower's scratched helmet, from which a Presidential face in an 800-

Andrew Grant.

Al Vice-Marshall Livingston has been Deputy Director General of the R.A.S. Medical Services since September, 1947. Having previously served just over a year as Principal Medical Officer to the Air Command, South-East Asia, he is now in the R.A.S. Eastern

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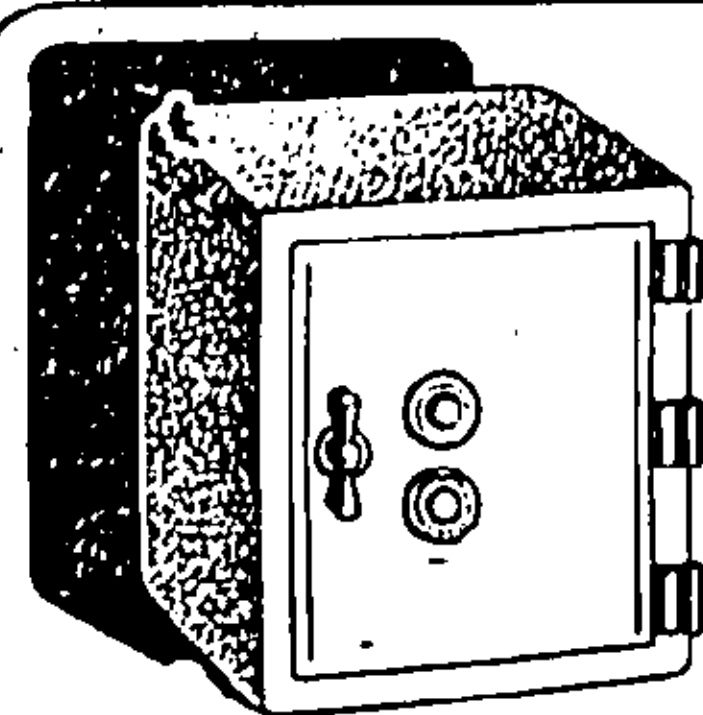
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## Democratic Powers Join In Condemnation

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Washington, Feb. 26.  
In a joint statement, the United States, Britain and France today condemned events in Czechoslovakia as "placing in jeopardy the very existence of the principles of liberty to which all democratic nations are attached."

The three-nation declaration said: "By means of a crisis artificially and deliberately instigated, the use of methods already tested in other places, has permitted the suspension of the free exercise of Parliamentary institutions and the establishment of a disguised dictatorship of a single party under the cloak of a government of national union."

"The three nations cannot but condemn a development, the consequences of which can only be disastrous for the Czechoslovakian people."

## Verdoux Case Against Chaplin

Paris, Feb. 26.  
M. Henri Verdoux, the Paris citizen who is bringing an action against the distributors of Charles Chaplin's wife-murderer film "Monsieur Verdoux," opened his case today by saying that he had six points in common with his namesake of the film.

They were: his surname, his Christian name, his employment in a bank, the fact that he was married, that he was a father of a boy of five, and that he was a specialist in financial questions.

"I have never known so many marked coincidences," his lawyers said.

M. Verdoux is claiming 5,000,000 francs from the United Artists' Distributors and Cinemas.

He asserted that his reputation, peace and well-being had suffered. He had been chased by journalists, harassed by photographers and had completely lost his former calm.

Customers at the bank where he was employed called him "Bluebeard". During an adjournment in the courtroom, press photographers fired off magnesium flares.

Judgment was postponed until March 18.—Reuter.

## News Briefs

Newcastle, Feb. 26.  
Clifford Roberts, 16, of Bristol was admitted to an infirmary with a dislocated jaw caused by a yawn.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26.  
A mine was washed ashore between Re-Culver and Herne Bay.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26.  
A plane, which crashed in a ploughed field at Brookland, Kent, turned upside down. The pilot, W.J. Jansen, 36, of Pilsberg, Holland, was only slightly hurt.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26.  
Nearly 99,500,000 gallons of milk were sold off farms in England and Wales in January, exceeding the total in January 1939 by 25 per cent.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26.  
Seventy members of the office staff of the Elder Dempster Lines have been chosen by lot to go on a week-end trial cruise of the Company's new liner APAPA, 10,700 tons.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26.  
Mrs. Attlee had to take a second throw to break the bottle of champagne when launching the 10,925-ton tanker British Fame on the Tyne.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26.  
The first shipment from Britain to Russia under the new trade agreement will be 1,500 tons of light rails and accessories.—Reuter.

Prague, Feb. 26.  
The press section of the Czech Ministry of Information tonight banned publication of the joint British, French and United States communiqué condemning the recent events in the country.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 26.  
Czechoslovakia's new Cabinet took their Oath of Allegiance to the President of the Republic today. Prague Radio reported tonight.—Reuter.

who had proved once more, in the midst of the sufferings of the second World War, their attachment to the cause of liberty.

The State Department issued the statement without any separate American comment.

It was pointed out, however, that this "Big Three" statement constituted a unique development in post-war diplomacy and the most successful condemnation yet of Soviet action in Eastern and Central Europe.

Hitherto such protests have been expressed individually by Britain and the United States, though often in almost identical terms.

Previously, France, too, has not normally joined with Britain and the United States in condemning the various coups in South-East Europe.

## Second Munich

In Paris, the circumstances surrounding the Czechoslovak crisis was said by the Paris Independent Conservative newspaper, Le Monde, today to "resemble those of Munich."

The paper declared: "Czechoslovakia's fate today, as 10 years ago, bears witness to the immense dangers inherent in the world situation."

"The will to war does not exist today as it did yesterday, but as M. Georges Bidault (the French Foreign Minister) said, the pawns cannot continue moving forward on the chess board without a situation resulting which might very likely soon become dangerous."

Le Monde added that "fery propaganda will not prevent us feeling the silence of terrified leaders of muzzled newspapers and of Presidents unable to speak freely."—Reuter.

## Honduras Dispute Alarm

London, Feb. 26.  
The cruiser Sheffield is tonight on its way to Belize from Cartagena, Colombia, to guard against Guatemalan extremists.

The point at dispute dates back to 1859, when an Anglo-Guatemalan Convention was concluded and ratified which confirmed the existing frontier between Guatemala and Honduras.

Under a second convention four years later, Britain undertook to provide 450,000 towards joint communications by rail or road. But this convention was never ratified and came into force and the Guatemalan Government subsequently claimed that the whole treaty of 1859 was invalid and that Guatemala had a valid claim to the whole of British Honduras.

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## Snyder Forecast

New York, Feb. 26.  
A Washington despatch today quoted the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, as saying in a formal statement that there "will undoubtedly have to be a devaluation of currencies in some of the countries involved in the European recovery programme."

At the same time, the despatch, published in a Wall Street Journal, said the Administration rejected Congressional suggestions for a special international monetary conference to coordinate devaluation moves.—Reuter.

## Locke Partners Windsor

Palm Beach, Feb. 25.  
The Duke of Windsor drew Australian champion Bobby Locke as his golfing partner as the blue bloods paired off with professionals for next week's annual tournament at the exclusive Seminole Country Club.

Customarily and off the record will be more than the dignity and comparative scores of the gentlemen golfers at stake. The society golfers and their partners yearly put up a sizeable pool on the respective merits of the pro-amateur teams.

About 32 ranking professionals have entered this year. Each will be teamed with two amateurs.

Playing with the Duke of Windsor and Locke will be polo star Stephen Sanford.

Winston Guest, who was host at the recent Withrop-Rockefeller wedding, will team with Robert Sweeney, former British amateur champion, and professional Herman Keiser.—United Press.

## New Siamese Cabinet

Bangkok, Feb. 26.  
The new Siamese Cabinet, headed by Khuang Aphaiwong, is considered certain to get a vote of confidence when it faces a joint session of Parliament on Monday, as it commands about 80 per cent support in the combined Houses.

The Premier has dropped three Ministers and added three others to his caretaker Cabinet, which has held office since the coup d'etat by Marshal Pibul Songkram last November, and assumes the portfolio of the Interior himself.

Although not a coalition, the Cabinet, which has 112 Democrats and 12 non-party members, contains many reputable non-party men who command great personal prestige.

Government circles to-day expressed hesitancy about Siamese representation at the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation Conference, to be held at Baguio, in the Philippines, shortly.

This cannot be decided until the new government is recognised internationally, which, however, is considered only a matter of days.—Reuter.

## To Recruit An Army

London, Feb. 26.  
Major Samuel Weiser, 43-year-old Chairman and founder of the Hebrew Legion, announced tonight that he is leaving for New York tomorrow to organise an army to fight in Palestine after Britain surrenders the mandate.

An extensive recruiting campaign in the United States, South America, South Africa and Europe will be undertaken and Major Weiser hopes to lead 100,000 men and women against the Arab states outside Palestine.—Reuter.

## Spain's New Council

Madrid, Feb. 26.  
Spain's new Council of the Realm, set up under the Law of Succession approved by a public referendum last July, offered allegiance and "personal devotion" to General Franco when it was sworn in here today.

The Council will advise General Franco as head of the State and if he dies will enable the Regency Council to take over as head of the State until a successor is appointed.—Reuter.

## BOMB THREATS

Irun, Spain, Feb. 26.  
International mail reaching Irun has been delayed for 48 hours following anonymous threats to send time bombs hidden in mail bags into Spain, reliable though unofficial sources reported today.

The report added that mail bags were being kept isolated in case of explosions.—Associated Press.

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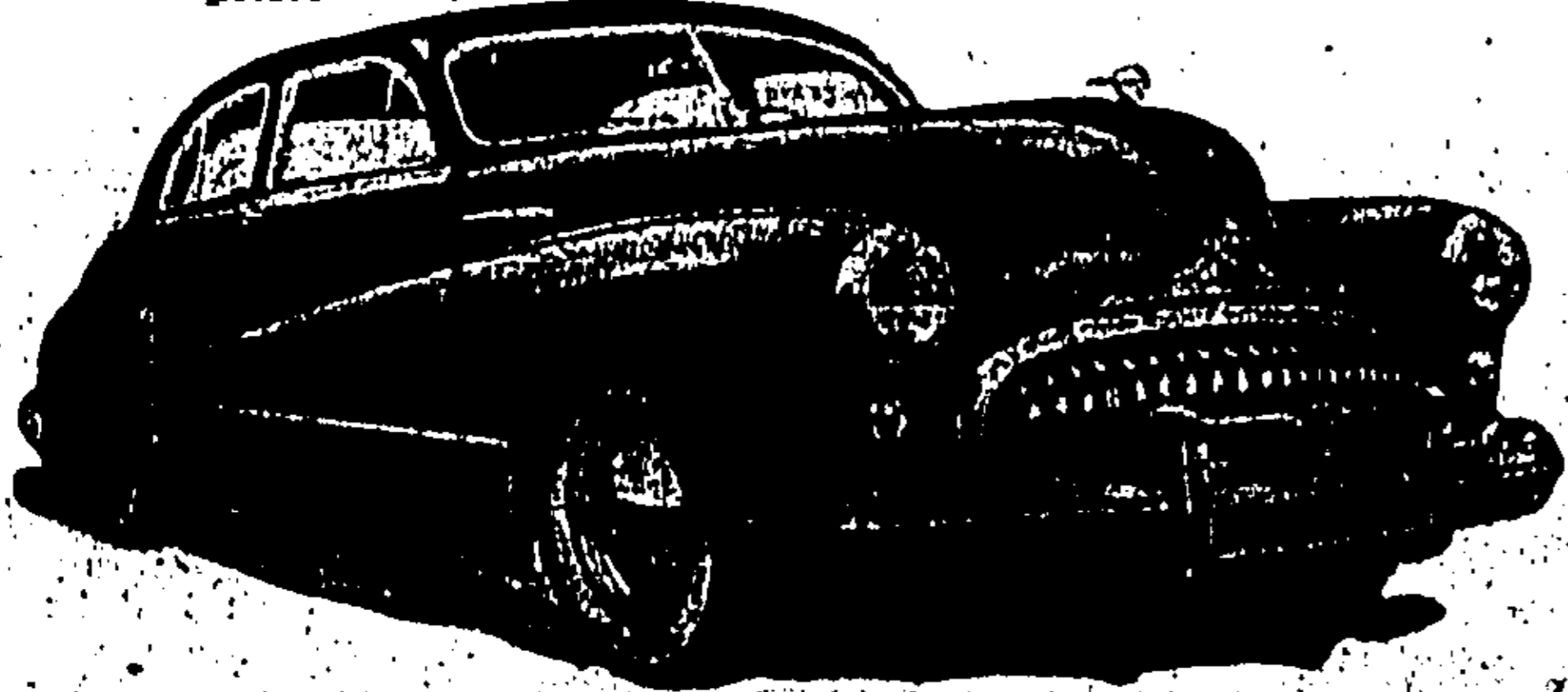
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### New M.G., More Sedate Model, Is A Happy Compromise

By OUR  
MOTERING  
CORRESPONDENT

The MG Midget 2-seater—surely one of the most attractive sports cars in current production—is now being joined on the streets of Hong Kong by its slightly more sedate brother, the MG 1½-litre saloon. A brief test run a few days ago shows that in the closed model the MG lover has a car which combines both performance and comfort—not to mention silence and economy.

Basically, the Midget and the 1½-litre have the same engine and gearbox, except that the saloon has a modified camshaft and only one carburettor. With the heavier body, a slight decrease in maximum speed is only to be expected, though the saloon will do better than 70 miles an hour, cruises happily in the "sixties," takes 40 miles an hour in its stride and potters quite happily where occasion demands in the lower speed brackets. In other words, it is a good all-rounder.

There are several differences between the 1½-litre and its predecessor, the 1½-litre. For instance, for the first time there is a coil-spring independent front-wheel suspension system, with the usual half-elliptics at the rear. The gear-shift lever, too, is new; it is not the old familiar remote-control type always found on MGs, but the normal cranked type—changes up and down, though, are as snappy and as positive as ever.

High-geared and with a strong castor action, the steering is extremely light and, although a little disconcerting to a driver used to lower geared steering systems, is a dream once one becomes accustomed to it after a mile or so. Combined with remarkable stability, thanks to the suspension and damping system, it enables one to round all sorts of bends at either low or high speeds, with a positive sense of complete control over the car. The MG goes where the driver puts it; it does not take charge at critical moments and try to force over ideas of its own.

The MG 1½-litre is essentially a sports saloon. For that reason, it would be unfair to expect it to provide seating in comfort for more than four people. At the same time, the compact body, with seats well within the wheel-base, provides an almost luxurious interior and the rear passengers find that the car is not only an easy one to enter or leave but that their comfort has not been overlooked.

In addition to the side elbow rests, there is the usual folding centre arm-rest and adequate extra toe-room under the front seats. The latter are adjustable and have well-planned curved backs which give admirable support and make swaying on sharp fast corners almost an impossibility.

Although, as denoted by the phrase "Comfort Fast" coined by the "Autocar" (a reference to the open 2-seater's slogan of "Safety Fast"), the 1½-litre saloon revels in high-speed cruising, it is by no means an unpleasant car to handle in urban areas. A quick-change gearbox—which seems to have its own slogan of "the faster the better"—snappy acceleration and compact dimensions, make one saloon an extremely handy vehicle in traffic, while excellent all-round visibility simplifies parking.

So far as driver-comfort is concerned, the 1½-litre has obviously been designed by an enthusiast. The driver sits well up to a thin-rimmed, spring-spoked wheel which is quickly adjustable. The gear-shift lever falls close to hand as does the hand-brake level fitted in the ideal place—between the front seats. There is ample room off the clutch pedal for the left foot. The rear-window blind, for night driving, can be pulled up and down without need for stopping the car or taking one's eyes off the road.

The push-pull control for the lights is extremely easy to operate. The traffic-indicators are operated by a knurled disc around the horn button in the centre of the steering wheel; the

#### Data

**BODY:** 4-door, 6-light saloon; sliding roof.

**ENGINE:** Four-cylinder OHV-pushed engine; 10.07 hp (1,250 cc.), developing 44.5 bhp at 4,800 rpm. Compression ratio: 7.3 to 1. Force-feed lubrication with full-flow oil filter.

**TRANSMISSION:** Four-speed synchromesh gearbox. Ratios: 5.143, 7.121, 10.646 and 18 to 1. Hardy-Spicer needle bearing open propeller shaft to spiral bevel final drive.

**SUSPENSION:** I.T.s. of lateral wishbone type with coil springs; underslung half-elliptics at rear; hydraulic dampers and anti-sway bar.

**BRAKES:** Lockheed hydraulic 9-inch brake drums. **STEERING:** Rack and pinion, direct coupled.

**TIRES AND WHEELS:** Dunlop ELF 5.25 x 16 in. tires on disc wheels.

**DIMENSIONS:** Wheelbase, 81 in.; overall length, 13 ft. 5 in.; height, 41 in.; ground clearance, 5 in. Turning circles, 34 ft. 10 in. (left), 35 ft. 5 in. (right).

**LOCAL AGENTS:** Dodwell Motors.

Indicators are self-cancelling on a time-basis, instead of by the return of the steering wheel to the straight-ahead position. All the instruments on the face are grouped in front of the driver. And so on. Perhaps a critic might be voiced of the somewhat low position of the handles for raising and lowering the door

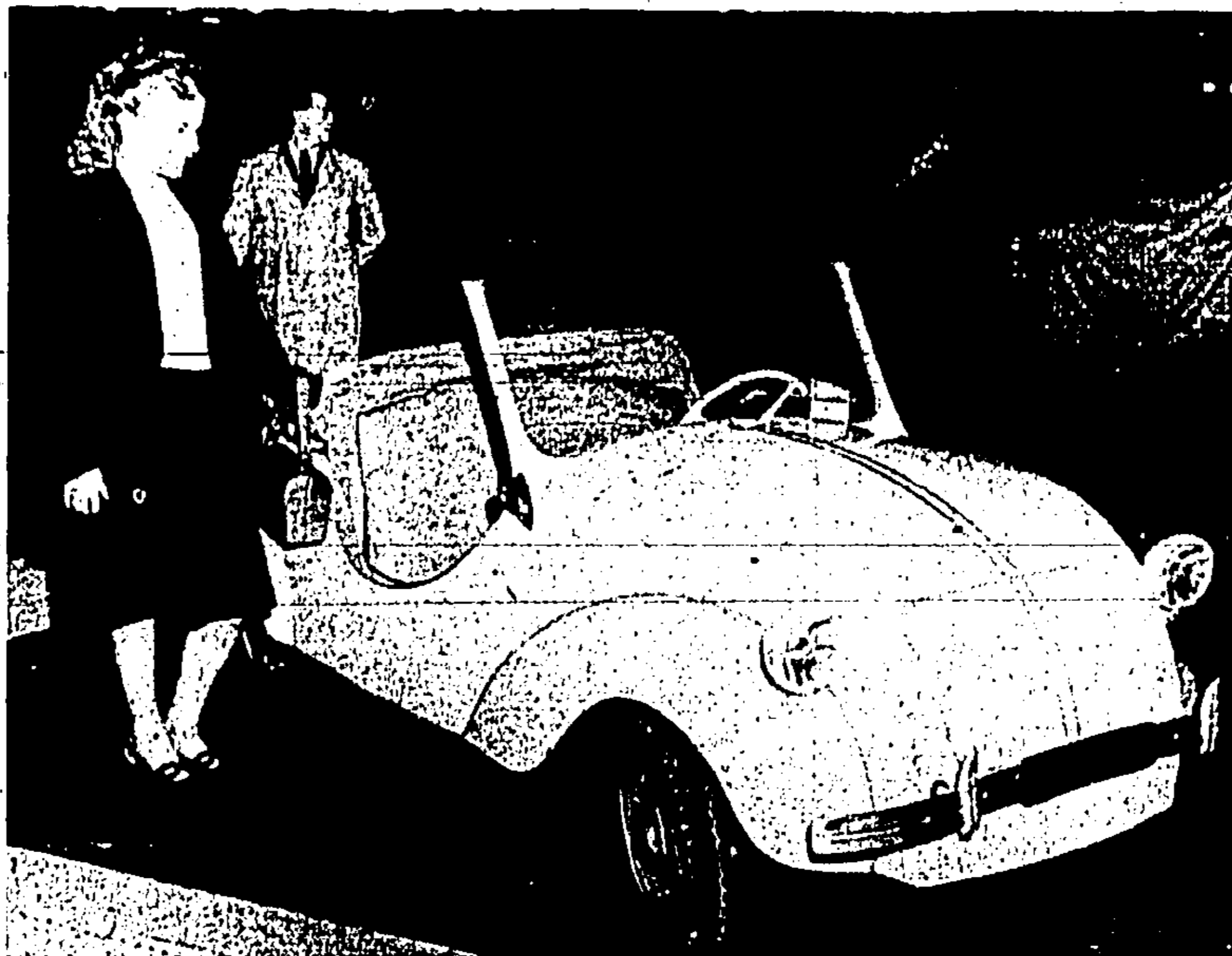
windows; presumably this is to prevent them from jabbing one's arm uncomfortably.

One other feature of an extremely pleasant car which should be mentioned is the provision of permanent Jackall hydraulic jacks. The jack control valve—by which either the front or whole car can be raised up on its built-in jacks—and the hydraulic pump are placed under the engine bonnet on the left side.

To sum up, the MG 1½-litre saloon is a splendid compromise between the comfort and luxury of the normal closed car and the road-holding and speed of the open sports car. In the words of the "Autocar," it "has that faculty possessed by a limited number of today's cars of making the driver feel he is a good driver, whereas, at least part of the truth is that the car itself by its sound qualities of design makes things easy by responding so readily to the controls, and encourages a good standard of driving."

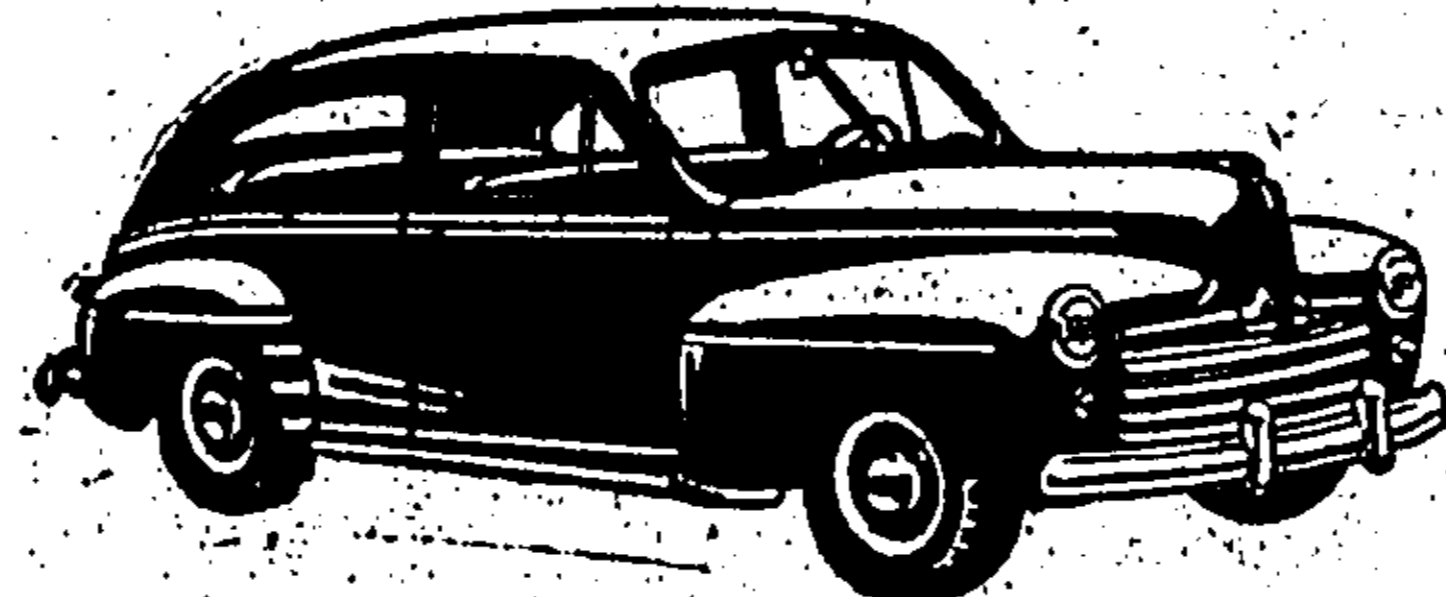
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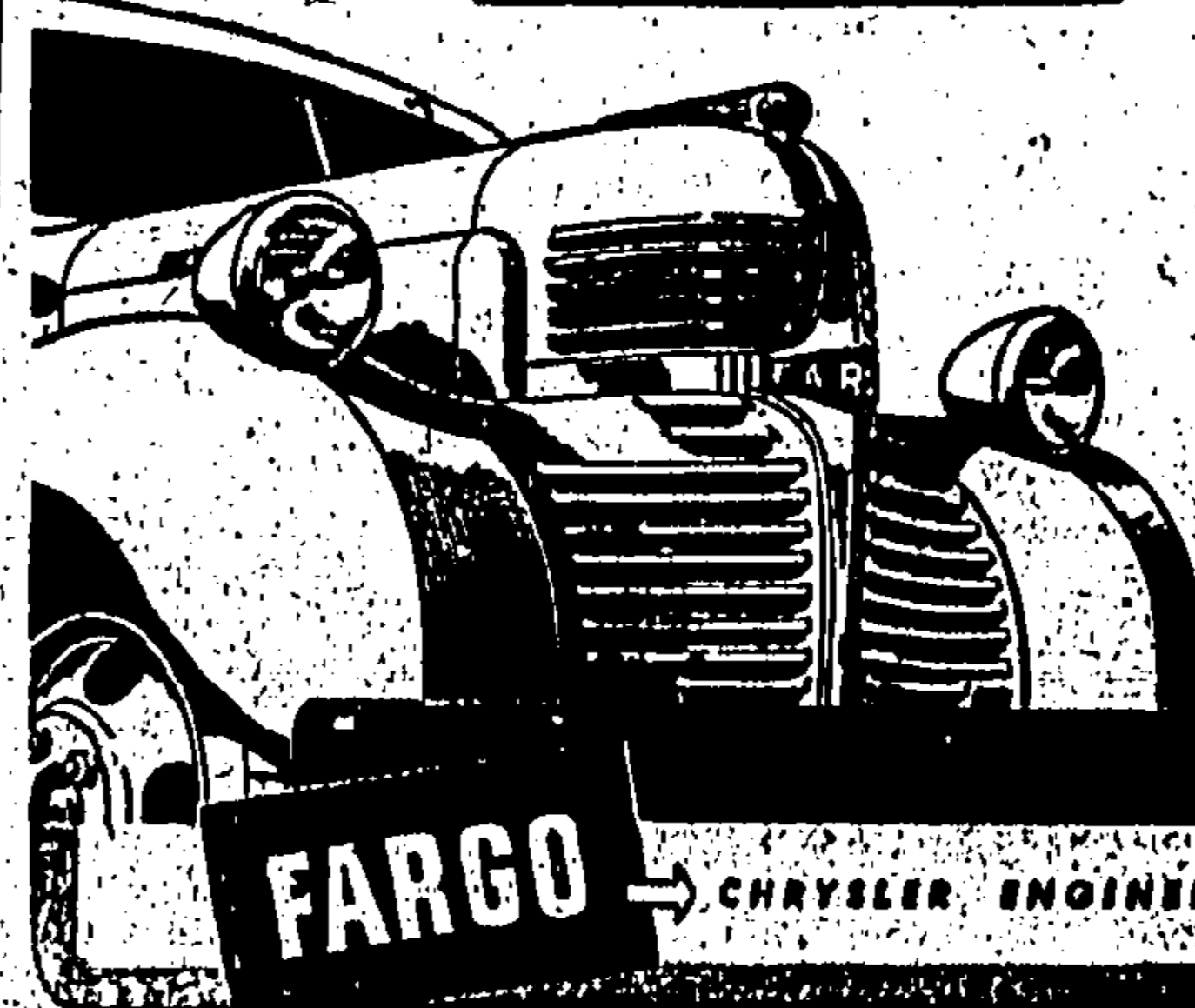
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ARGENTINA'S STATEMENT  
Conference On  
Falklands

Buenos Aires, Feb. 26.

The Falkland Islands "unquestionably belong to Argentina," but Argentina would agree to a conference to discuss the disputed Falkland Islands Dependencies, Dr. Juan Bramuglia, the Argentine Foreign Minister, stated tonight.

The Argentine Foreign Minister did not preclude taking the question to the International Court, as suggested by Britain, but he said a conference of the powers concerned should precede this.

"The Falkland Islands are Argentina without any need for discussion, nor for a conference, nor for future arbitration, and are not in Argentina's possession only for reasons founded on force," Dr. Bramuglia said.

Declaring that Britain "had illegally seized" the Falkland Islands, the Foreign Minister said: "The right of a State to its territory is permanent, even though it has not the necessary force to sustain it."

The statement, a long-written document given to the press—was a reply to yesterday's demand by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, that the Argentine question should go before the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

The statement expressed the hope that Britain, "inspired by the purest traditions of international law and of the essential liberties" would cede the Falklands to Argentina, "thus consolidating the relations between our two peoples and contributing to the establishment of universal goodwill."

## Plate Conference

General Juan Domingo Peron, President of the Argentine, and Senator Luis Batlle Berres, President of Uruguay, will meet tomorrow morning on board the Argentine Presidential yacht, Esmeralda, in the middle of the River Plate. It was officially announced here today.

It was suggested here tonight that Uruguay might support the Argentine and Chilean claims in the Antarctic, basing her action on the Rio de Janeiro Inter-American treaty of mutual defence, which included the disputed territories in the continental defence zone.

In London, the Admiralty announced tonight that HMS Nicator has arrived at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands.—Reuter.

## Pretensions

The Falklands Governor today termed the claims of Argentina and Chile "pretensions," and gave this reiteration of British policy in the dependencies.

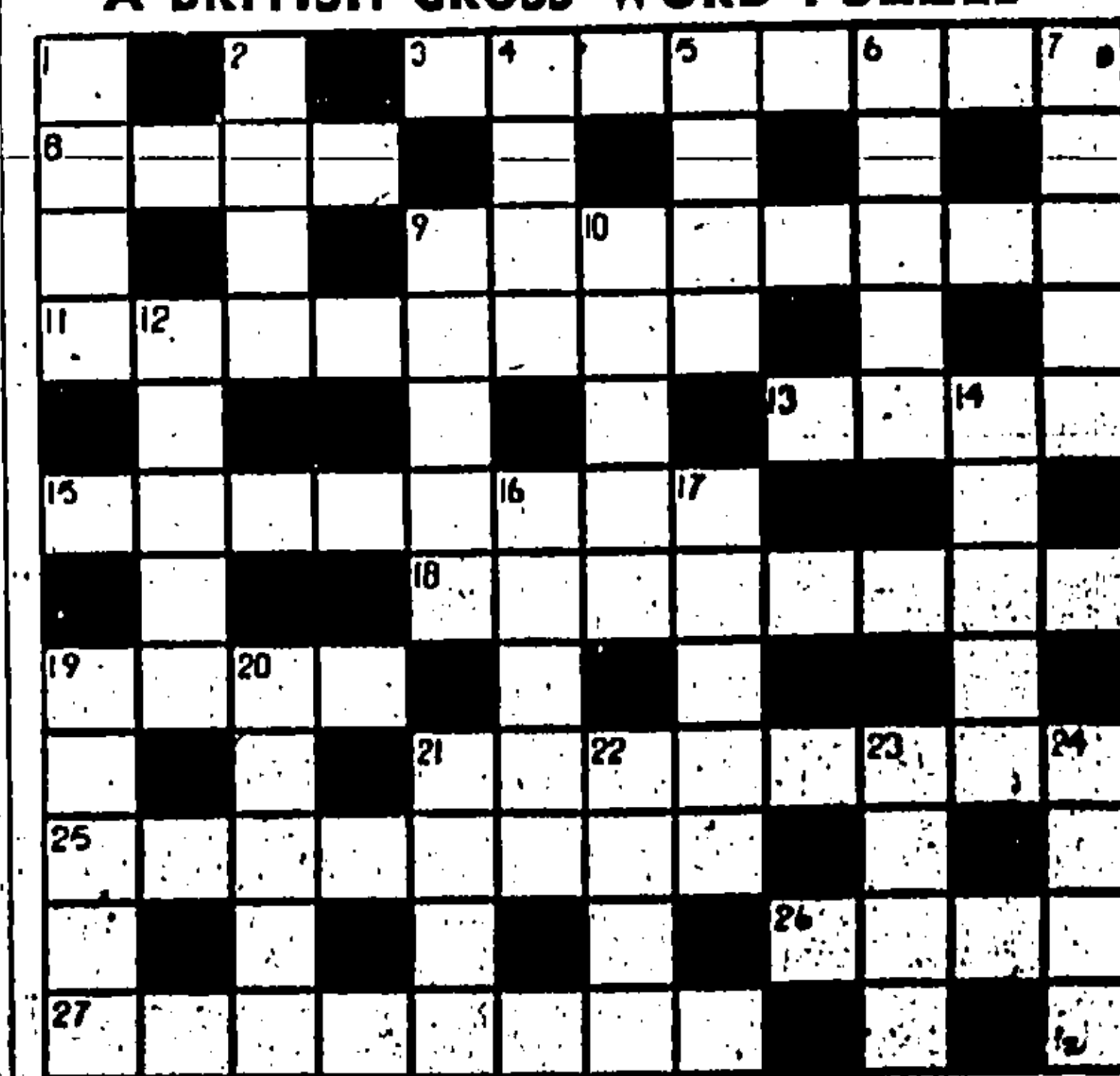
"While we do not recognise the pretensions of either Argentina or Chile," he said.

Kennan Mission  
Washington, Feb. 26.  
Secretary of State George Marshall has sent his top policy planning officer, George F. Kennan, to confer with General Douglas MacArthur in Japan.

Marshall said Kennan's mission is related in a general way to his work on overall American policy, to the problem of eventually writing a Japanese peace treaty, and to Japanese reconstruction.

Kennan is chief of the State Department Planning Board.—Associated Press.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



## Clues Across

- Undeveloped.
- Egg-shaped.
- Clergyman.
- Attack.
- Regularly.
- Appeared.
- Who's come.
- Zone.
- Not excessive.
- 25 Kent.
- 26 Stronghold.
- 27 Tortures.

## Yesterday's Crossword

- Across—1. Carous. 4. Teams. 7. Artifice. 8. Moist. 9. Meille. 11. Nervous. 13. Unready. 15. Extent. 17. Swarm. 19. Idolized. 20. Single. 21. Entries.
- Down—1. Charm. 2. Evils. 3. Blip. 4. Tremor. 5. Anidote. 6. Status. 10. Threaten. 12. Eyesore. 13. Uppis. 14. Admirer. 16. Twirl. 17. Pledge.

Corfu Mine  
Case Opens

The Hague, Feb. 26.

Britain's case against Albania for the mining of the destroyers Volante and Saurma, with the loss of 44 lives in the Northern Corfu Channel on October 22, 1946, opened before the International Court of Justice here today.

After hearing opening speeches by counsel on both sides, the court adjourned until tomorrow. M. Kahraman Ylli, the Albanian agent, maintained that Britain's application to the court was illegal in default of a special arbitral agreement between Britain and Albania.—Reuter.

"Operation Rathole"  
Built On Quicksand

Washington, Feb. 26.

Several ranking members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today left a closed meeting with the Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) convinced that any large-scale American military commitment to China would be a "tragic error."

The view is not shared by one influential Senate Republican, who proposes writing arms for China into the new bill for the Greece-Turkey "quarantine Communism" programme.

What the Secretary of State told the Committee about the plight of the anti-Communist military forces in China is closely guarded, but members said he made these points:

- The administration's new US\$570,000,000 aid programme, mainly non-military, would give Chiang Kai-shek's Government a "breathing spell" to deal with what Mr. Marshall described as much-needed fiscal and political reforms.
- United States military assistance, including ammunition and planes drawn from surplus war stocks, has been larger than heretofore revealed and is continuing.
- However, any actual American commitment to underwrite non-Communist forces in China on the scale undertaken in Greece would be risky in the extreme and have little chance of success.

The Senator favouring inclusion of China in the Greece-Turkey programme took his stand on the belief that the programme, embracing the so-called "Truman Doctrine," pledged extensive military supplies and advice by United States Army and Navy tactics for anti-Communist forces.

If this move, as pressed, is expected to draw sharp administration opposition. Mr. Marshall told a House Committee last week, and repeated today, that the United States could not attempt to underwrite China's military affairs.

Some of his top aides went even further. They described the extensive China programme as "Operation Rathole" and "built on quicksand."—United Press.

Housing  
Programme

London, Feb. 26.

The Government expects to spend only £5,730,000 on prefabricated houses and housing components in the year 1948-49 as compared with £45,555,000 in 1947-48—a decrease of £39,825,000.

The estimates of the Ministry of Supply for the year ended March 31, 1949, published today, show a total requirement of £101,000,010—£34,443,192 less than in 1947-48 figures.—Reuter.

Objection To  
Liner's Sale

London, Feb. 26.

The British Government has opposed the sale of the 23,000-ton turbo-electric liner, Monarch of Bermuda, to an Argentine company because she would have become a potential competitor to British shipping. It was reliably understood tonight.

Negotiations had been completed and the sale awaited only the Ministry of Transport's approval.

The British Government is now negotiating with the owners to purchase the vessels for emigration traffic to Australia. The price is expected to be £250,000.

Official information has reached London that the Australian Government is prepared to spend £1,000,000 on reconditioning the ship.

Just under a year ago, the Monarch of Bermuda was seriously damaged by fire.—Reuter.

Catholic  
Aid Urged

Shanghai, Feb. 26.

Mayor K.C. Wu appealed to the Catholic Church in China to take a "more militant and aggressive role" in the moral revival campaign, at a dinner last night given in his honour by Archbishop Anthony Riberi, Apostolic Internuncio to China. He also called for an extension of the church's sphere of activities beyond charity and education.

In reply, Archbishop Riberi pledged a whole-hearted assurance that they will do their utmost at all times for the well-being and progress of the Chinese people.

He warned, however, that it was "not through violence or class warfare but through justice and charity that the church points the way to the welfare of the whole social body."—Reuter.

## Counsel Accused

Nuremberg, Feb. 27.

Counsel for the I. G. Farben Industries was charged on Thursday with stealing and destroying records showing the chemical firm's relationship with the Auschwitz death camp. The accusation was made in court by American prosecutors of the Farben directors who are being tried as war criminals. It was backed up with affidavits.

The tribunal will study the motion before giving a ruling.—Associated Press.

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"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th Apr.
"TRESILLIAN"	Japan via Straits	17th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	29th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th May
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	15th June

## SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"DILWARA"	Kure U.K. Continent via Straits	7th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. Continent via Straits & Genoa	11th Mar.
"TRESILLIAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	12th Mar.
"TRESILLIAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	19th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	17th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	2nd May
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	17th May
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	31st May
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	17th June

## British



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"CASTLEDORE"	Japan	14th Mar.

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"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Strait	7th Mar.
"SANGOLA"	Amoy	14th Mar.

## SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
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Sailing for  
Batavia, Macassar,  
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& Batavia, 1st Mar.

**"TJISADANE"** In Port Batavia, Semarang,  
Sourabaya &  
Macassar,  
10th March.

**"TJIBADAK"** Macassar & Java  
ports, 4th March.  
Sailing for Amoy,  
4th March.

**ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE**

**"RUYS"** Due from Loading for  
In port In port  
Manila, Singapore,  
Batavia, Mauritius,  
Lourenco  
Marques, Belra,  
Durban, East London,  
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Mombasa, Capetown,  
Buenos Aires, Monte-  
video, Santos, Rio  
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22nd March.

Transshipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for  
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Belawan, Deli, Singapore, Penang  
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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# CHINA CURRENCY REFORM

## Chinese Economist Proposing Three Plans To Be Started In South China

Nanking, Feb. 27.  
Huang Yen-pel, eminent Chinese economist and influential member of the National Economic Council, told the United Press today that he has three alternative plans for reforming the Chinese currency.

Huang said all the three plans provide for the issue of a new currency which will circulate side by side with the present national currency.

The first plan is designed to bring down prices to the 1937 level, the second down to the 1938 level and the third down to the 1939 level.

The first plan was submitted to the Government long ago and has been approved by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The other two, which were developed as a result of his observations on South China, will be drafted shortly and presented to the Government of the newly elected Legislative Yuan, of which he is a member-elect.

He declined to outline details of the first plan, saying it is most complicated.

The second and third plans were explained as follows:

2. A new hard currency, based on the silver standard, will be issued to circulate side by side with the present money.

3. New currency having the same foreign exchange rate as the Hong Kong dollar will be issued. It will also circulate side by side with the present National currency. It is based on the gold standard with silver coins as auxiliary.

Huang said that because of the new US\$570,000,000 United States aid plan, he estimated that a US\$300,000,000 loan would be sufficient to support the new currency. He said the new currency would be first issued in South China, gradually extending throughout China.

—United Press.

**H.K. Stock Exchange**

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Business for the week has totalled good proportions. Rates, however, have been irregular on much business being done.

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"SZECHUEN" Singapore & Bangkok 1st week in Mar.  
"NINGHAI" Singapore & Penang 4 p.m. 3rd Mar.  
"SHENGKING" Shanghai 4 p.m. 7th Mar.  
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Oso via Bangkok  
Mar. 1, Braniff, 2 p.m.  
Feb. 28, Philippine Airlines  
12 noon.  
Feb. 28, Pan-American, 12.45  
p.m.  
Mar. 2, Cathay Pacific, 12.30  
p.m.  
Mar. 2, Philippine Airlines, 10  
a.m.

## Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.  
Feb. 29, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.  
Mar. 3, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.  
Mar. 3, Philippine Airlines,  
12 noon

## Canton

H.K. Airways, thrice daily:  
11 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.

## San Francisco

Feb. 28, Pan-American, 12.45  
p.m.  
Mar. 3, Pan-American, 12.45  
p.m.

## San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,  
Okinawa, Shanghai)  
Mar. 4, Pan-American, 4.45  
p.m.

## Singapore

Feb. 28, BOAC (Capt. Kyle),  
4 p.m.  
Mar. 1, BOAC (Capt. Scand-  
ling), 4 p.m.

## Singapore via Bangkok

Feb. 29, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.  
Mar. 3, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

## Departures To:

Feb. 28, BOAC (Capt. Need-  
ham), 8 a.m.

## Singapore

Mar. 1, BOAC (Capt. Mac-  
gregor), 7.30 a.m.

## Manila

Feb. 28, Philippine Airlines,  
12 noon.  
Mar. 1, Cathay Pacific, 2.30  
p.m.

## Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.  
Feb. 28, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.  
Mar. 2, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.  
Mar. 2, H.K. Airways, 11 a.m.

## Canton

H.K. Airways, thrice daily:  
9 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.

## San Francisco

(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,  
Okinawa, Shanghai)  
Mar. 5, Pan-American, 8 a.m.  
Mar. 12, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

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(Via Honolulu, Wake, Guam,  
Okinawa, Shanghai)  
Mar. 5, Pan-American, 8 a.m.  
Mar. 12, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

## Saigon

Feb. 28, Air France, 7.30 a.m.

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earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail  
close before 10.00 a.m., Registered and  
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day.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 28

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.  
(Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, P.I., Honolulu,  
U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m.  
(Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Han-  
kow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m.  
(Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Tientsin and Amoy; Airmail  
for Swatow; Airmail for Kuning and  
Calcutta, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Manila, 10 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 8 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung, 9 a.m.

Japan (Ord. letters and cards only),  
9 a.m.

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## ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Mar. 28, Mar. (Jensen) from Manila  
and U.S.A. (A.P.L.)

## DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Chung Kai (U.S.A.) from Singapore,  
Bangkok  
Hubei (U.S.A.) from Singapore,  
Bangkok  
Shanghai (U.S.A.) from Singapore,  
Bangkok

## ARRIVALS TODAY

Mar. 29, Mar. (Jensen) from Europe,  
Contest (U.S.A.) from San Francisco,  
K. W. H.

Nagasaki (Gillman) from Europe, A.D.  
Singapore (U.S.A.) from Europe, A.D.  
Tientsin (U.S.A.) from Europe, A.D.  
Tientsin (U.S.A.) from Europe, A.D.

## DEPARTURES TODAY

Carroll (Hend) from Europe, A.D.  
Hubei (U.S.A.) from Europe, A.D.  
Lok Sang (U.S.A.) from Europe, A.D.  
Vinhua (U.S.A.) from Europe, A.D.

## VESSELS IN PORT

Alpur (Williamson) from Europe, A.D.  
Alphonsa (U.S.A.) from Europe, A.D.  
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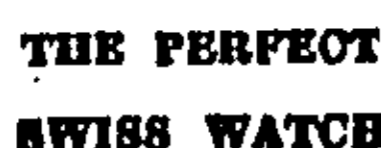
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